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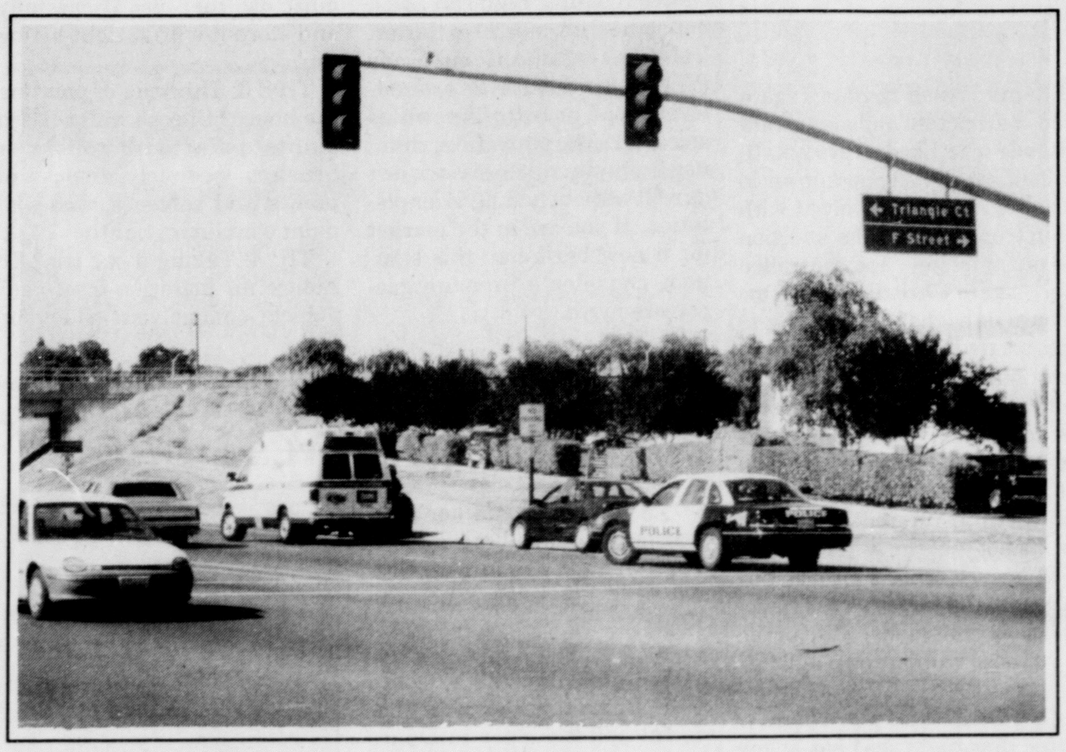
## Lights out again -- including stoplights

Some northern residents of West Sacramento experienced another major power outage on Monday. The afternoon blackout lasted about two hours beginning at 3:30 p.m., and left about 4,600 PG&E accounts without power, said utility spokesperson Jann Taber.

"It was not a rotating blackout," she explained. "The ISO did not call a rotating outage, although we were in a stage two emergency. There was some kind of equipment failure at our substation, which took out three circuits and about 4,600 customers. We had power back up by 5:30 p.m."

West Sacramento Police Dept. spokesperson Amy Weirich estimated that the blackout bordered from about the location of the police station at Jefferson Blvd. & Triangle Ct., and ranged northward and westward toward the Reed Ave./Harbor Blvd. intersection.




**One person was injured in an accident Monday at Kegle & Jefferson, when an unplanned power outage doused electricity to traffic lights, homes and businesses in the north area of West Sacramento. The outage included -- for the second Monday in a row -- West Sacramento's police station, which again operated emergency functions from generator power.**

She was among those officers responding to a minor traffic accident that occurred right in front of the police station at about 5 p.m., while stoplights were out at the busy Triangle Ct./Jefferson Blvd. intersection.

"It appears that due to the traffic lights being out, one of the parties did not follow the procedure of a four-way stop," said Weirich. "The female driver of one vehicle complained of pain and dizziness."

One week earlier, about 1,800 households and businesses experienced a multi-hour power outage in West Sacramento's north area due to "storm-related" troubles. A cause of the more recent outage wasn't immediately available, said PG&E's Taber.

## Yolo/West Sac dispute threatens city's sewage plan

**By Steve Marschke**
**News-Ledger Editor**

The West Sacramento City Council and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors are at odds over the city's plan to hook up to Sacramento County's regional sewage district. The county supervisors voted last week to insist that Yolo County share the power of appointing the resulting new seat on the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) with the city.

One West Sacramento city council member calls the board's move a potential "deal killer" for the city's sewage merger plans. And the council responded by adding an "emergency item" to its special workshop on Saturday, voting to resuscitate the city's plans to build its own sewage plant instead of merging with SRCSD.

City Council Member Christopher Cabaldon said that the city was unwilling to share its single seat of representation on SRCSD with Yolo County. "There is no impact to the county (from the merger). They don't have a dog in this fight."

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West Sac's Christopher Cabaldon, about Yolo County

**'They have a very provincial view of these things. They're not the only game in town.'**
Yolo County's Tom Stallard, about West Sacramento

"They requested they be represented directly on the sanitation district board by sharing a seat with the city," added Cabaldon. "It would be unprecedented in the sanitation district for there to be a jurisdiction with a vote on the board. The county is not served by the district in any way."

The merger includes a plan to run an SRCSD pipeline through county land south of West Sacramento, he allowed, but that pipeline could occur even without the merger. And the merger could allow an existing city sewage outfall at the Sacramento River to be removed – making downstream residents in the unincorporated area of Clarksburg happy.

West Sacramento isn't willing to share the power of appointing a representative to SRCSD's nine-member board when it merges, said Cabaldon.

"Without that legislation being enacted to provide us with a seat on the board, the entire arrangement falls apart. It is discouraging that the county took that action, because it could mean $80 million in additional costs to the city and threatens our sewage rates (if West Sacramento has to build its own sewage plant instead of merging with SRCSD)."

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors wasn't unanimous in its vote. Lois Wolk of Davis voted against it.

And Mike McGowan, who represents most of West Sacramento on the board, "vigorously" opposed the county measure, said Cabaldon.

Chairman Tom Stallard, who represents Woodland and the northern slice of West Sacramento, voted in favor of equal rights. He told the News-Ledger that he was concerned that West Sacramento had altered the proposed legislation (carried by Assemblywoman Helen Thomson, who has since withdrawn it) without talking to county officials. And he argued that Yolo County would indeed be affected by the West Sacramento merger plan.

"Clearly, what the bill does is take out a seat from the county that was put in when the legislation was first proposed," said Stallard. "The legislative analyst wrote that it was designed to promote the political agenda of West Sacramento."

He said that the county, too, has a stake in the merger.

"They have a very provincial view of these things," he said of city officials. "They're not the only game in town. The planned sewage line will be run in the southern part of the county through unincorporated land. This pipeline is through farmland, and its going to be 30-feet wide. If that's not an impact, I don't know what is."

Stallard added that it is possible that other cities in the county, and possibly UC Davis, could in the future decide to look at merging into SRCSD. That, too, gives the county a reason to stay involved and make sure the region's new SRCSD board member is "jointly selected" by the city and county as "co-equals."

He said that he believed the seat would end up being held by a West Sacramento City Council member, but felt it was important that this person "realize he is serving both masters."

"The important thing is we find a peaceful resolution," Stallard concluded.

"We hope to persuade the county to change their position," said Cabaldon.

## Bridge Fest draws exception to 'no burn' day

**By Steve Marschke**
**News-Ledger Editor**

Yesterday was a planned triple-digit heat day and "no burn" day for local agriculture, but West Sacramento fire officials received permission for a controlled burn of a little less than one acre on Port of Sacramento property near the Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge. The burn was performed in the morning to remove the fire hazard created by a grassy area next to last night's "Bridge Fest" fireworks show at the bridge.

"Sometimes the Port of Sacramento will mow the weeds under, but that didn't happen this time," said a fire department spokesperson. "We got permission through air pollution control to do this."

David Smith of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District said that yesterday was a "no burn" day for agriculture. But he added that West Sacramento's controlled burn didn't present a threat to the region's air quality – which is typically worsened by high temperatures such as those expected Tuesday.

"As far as impact on the region, the impact is pretty minimal," said Smith. "There's not a large body of evidence that smoke contributes to ozone formation, which is what we're concerned about on 'no burn' days. I got a call from the (West Sacramento) fire marshal and he said that for the fireworks show, the land was supposed to be cleared of weeds, and it wasn't. They told me it was about a 200-foot by 200-foot area, which would be just shy of an acre. "

The burn occurred Tuesday morning, and Smith said that "hopefully the smoke went right up. If the wind picked up, there may have been a momentary impact on nearby residents, but it shouldn't have any real impact on air quality."

## Rep. Ose reports feds will help flood projects

Congressman Doug Ose (R-Sacramento) announced last week that the House of Representatives has approved $10 million for flood control projects in Yolo County.

"Yolo County is a high-risk flood area which requires ongoing protective efforts," Ose was quoted in a press release. "The funding provided in this bill will allow for extensive flood control to assure greater security for our community."

An allotment of $1.368 million for West Sacramento's flood control project, which plans to raise 4.9 miles of levees up to five feet, is among the $10 million in planned expenditures.

## 2002? New supermarket awaits 'a few more roofs'

A new Nugget supermarket in West Sacramento's Southport area could be on line in 2002, said Bryan Turner of the West Sacramento Land Company.

Turner's company negotiated the Nugget deal for property near Linden Rd. and Jefferson Blvd. The Woodland-based Nugget chain would provide the area's first supermarket and would supplement stores owned by Raley's and Safeway in the north part of the city.

Housing construction in Southport is luring the new store. And local housing demand remains strong, said Turner.

"But we still need to build a few more homes," he stated. "We then will have the density to allow groundbreaking by early next year. We'll actually be shooting for late this year."

## Raley Field earns status as major Yolo show venue

A concert and fireworks show at Raley Field drew what may have drawn one of the largest audiences ever assembled in Yolo County for a cultural event.

About 8,000 people showed up at the West Sacramento concert Saturday featuring the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra and the St. Paul's Baptist Church Choir, said River Cats spokesman Mike Gazda. The ticket sales surpassed earlier crowds of about 6,000 to 7,000 at two earlier Raley Field concerts organized by area radio stations.

The orchestra headlined the event, playing a mix of patriotic music and family tunes from musicals such as the Sound of Music, Aladdin, and Beauty and the Beast.

"Everyone was really happy how it turned out," said Gazda.

Raley's sponsored the concert, which was promoted by the River Cats baseball organization, the stadium and its concessions division. The stadium's next concert has not yet been announced.

Yolo County Supervisor Tom Stallard yesterday said he couldn't recall another Yolo County "arts" event having a bigger live audience than the 8,000 who showed up Saturday at Raley Field.

# Christmas in July

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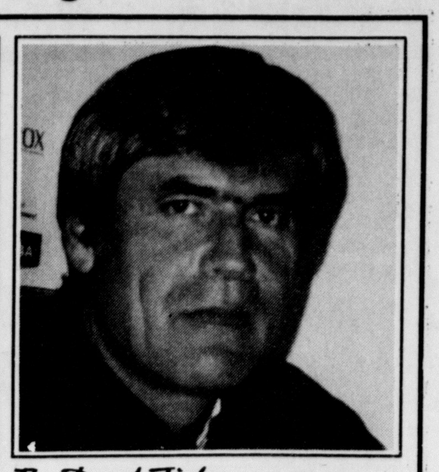

By Daryl Fisher

*I was wandering around Raley's the other night looking for something sweet and full of calories to snack on when suddenly someone I've known for years waved me down and among other things, asked me how I manage to come up with new ideas for this newspaper column every week.*

*"Actually," I explained, "during the summer I always try to re-run a couple of old articles every month so I can get some time off from column writing."*

*"In that case," she said, "would you mind very much re-running one that I really liked?"*

*"Oh, absolutely," I said, always eager to please my too-numerous-to-count readership. "What was it about?"*

*"It was all about how people should behave in July like they do in December."*

*"Oh, that one," I said, nodding my head up and down and smiling although I didn't have a clue what she was talking about.*

*"My parents loved it, too," she added.*

*"That's great," I said, trying to buy a little more time for my notoriously unreliable memory to kick in. "Do you happen to remember when it first appeared in the News-Ledger?"*

*"Oh, years and years ago," she said as she pointed to another shopper at the far end of the aisle. "Gotta go, my friend is waiting for me. But I'm looking forward to seeing that column again."*

*"Thanks, and nice seeing you," I said as she hurried off to catch up with her friend.*

*Anyway, after much research (when you write these columns for ten years it's kinda hard to remember which one is which) I think the following is a slightly updated version of what was requested (sure hope so):*

I went for my walk as usual the other night and a neighbor stopped me and asked if I had come up with a subject yet for this week's column.

"Christmas, I think," I answered.

"Christmas? he said, surprised and obviously a little worried that I had finally gone off the deep end. "But Daryl, in case you haven't noticed, it's only July."

"I know," I said, "but I just ran across a little poem which kinda reminded me of a sermon that the pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church preaches every year at about this time."

"You go to church?" he asked, even more surprised.

"Every now and then," I said. "But not as often as I should."

"And you actually listen to the sermon?" he asked with a smile.

"Sometimes."

As I walked on, I found myself thinking again about the poem I had come across and also recalling an old acquaintance who liked to systematically rip into just about every religion known to man. To him, Catholics were too involved with pagan idols and didn't understand the abortion issue; Jews had too much money and controlled the news media; Born-again Christians were too self-righteous and sure only they were going to heaven; and Muslims treated women horribly and were all crazed terrorists.

I also found myself thinking about how another 4th of July had just come and gone and how this was supposed to be a land of tolerance and good will towards others, even if those others happen to look, think, or pray a little differently than we do. And how lately it's not just the different religions who seem to be at each other's throats, but also the young vs the old, the haves vs the have-nots, and those (especially politicians) with all the right on their side vs those without any.

"So, Dad," said my daughter later that night as I sat at my computer, "you're really going to write a column about Christmas in July?"

"I'm just going to pass along a little poem I ran across."

"What's it about?"

"It's about everyone making more of an effort to keep the Christmas spirit alive throughout the year."

"Think anyone will really care?"

"I hope so."

*When the song of the angels is stilled,*
*When the star in the sky is gone,*
*When the kings and princes are home,*
*When the shepherds are back with their flocks,*

*The real work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,*
*To heal the broken,*
*To feed the hungry,*
*To rebuild the nations,*
*To bring peace among brothers,*
*To make music in the heart.*

# Enjoy the 4th -- and breathe, too

Looking forward to enjoying a tasty bar-b-que and great summer weather this July 4th? The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District has some tips to maintain a healthy environment while enjoying the outdoors.

TIP 1: Bar-b-ques that use charcoal lighter fluid can add a not-so-healthy morsel to the air. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) contribute to ground-level ozone or better known as smog. Electric starters or chimney briquette starters work just as well without adding to air pollution. If you are in the market for a new bar-b-que this summer, consider a propane gas-powered unit.

TIP 2: When you are sprucing up your yard, use electric garden equipment whenever possible. The use of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment result in the spill of about 17 million gallons of fuel each year. That gas evaporates into the air, helping to form smog. If you must use fuel, use it carefully and store it with a tight-fitting cap.

TIPS 3: Thinking of painting the house? Choose water-based paints, paint with rollers or brushes, properly dispose of paints and solvents, and seal paint containers tightly.

TIP 4: Taking a car trip? To reduce air pollution from your vehicle, change your oil and oil filter regularly. Keep tire pressure and alignment in order * it could improve gas mileage. Change your fuel filter and air filter once a year or every 12,000 miles. Monitor hoses, wiring and belts. Give your car regular tune-ups and check the crankcase breather element and emissions control devices.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is dedicated to protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. For information on how the community can work with the district to achieve and maintain healthful air quality for the residents call (530) 757-3650 or visit www.ysaqmd.org.

# *90 years for West Sac's Opal Rydeen*

Opal Rydeen began her 90th year on Monday, June 25th on a pretty, quiet day in West Sacramento, her home since the 1940s.

On Friday, June 29th, Opal's niece, Rita Valine, hosted a wonderful buffet supper in Opal's honor. About 50 people attended the celebration, including relatives from Virginia, Arizona, Washington and California.

Opal was born in Clifton, Texas, the second of ten children. Her mother, Gertrude Shedd, was a longtime resident of West Sacramento, as was her brother, R.C. Hill, his wife, Margaret, and their four daughters.

Opal worked as a waitress at the Johnson's cafe on 10th and J Street in Sacramento, where she met "Whitey" Rydeen. They married and continued working together until his death in the late 1960s. She still lives in the same home they moved into 46 years ago.


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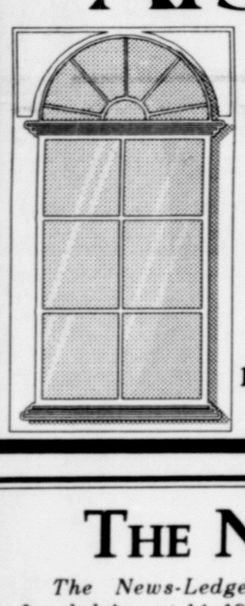

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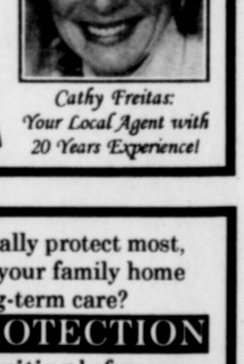

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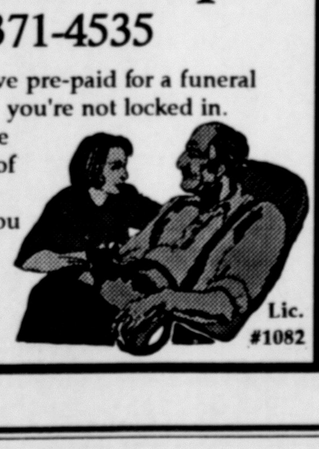

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# Across the bridge:

## Events around the region

**July cemetery tours**

The Old City Cemetery Committee has scheduled the following July tours of the historic Old City Cemetery at Broadway and 10th Street in Sacramento: Friday, July 13; Saturday, July 14; Friday, July 20; and Saturday, July 28. For more information and tour updates, call 448-0811.

**Clocker Art Gallery events**

The following events at the Clocker Art Museum have been scheduled for July: Summer Film Series, *Paris, City of Light* (July 5); Story Tellers from the Heart, July 8; Exhibition Tour and Workshop (July 14); Museum Store Trunk Show (July 14); Third Thursday Jazz (July 19); Summer Film Series, *The Red Balloon* (July 21); Story Time in the Gallery (July 25); Tours and Talks (July 28). For more information about these events, call 264-5423.

**Music Circus season begins**

*The Music Man* returns to the Music Circus to kick off the 2001 summer series on July 9-15. The Music Circus is located on the corner of 15th and H Streets in downtown Sacramento. For ticket information, call 557-1999 or 766-2277.

**Volunteers needed for race**

Volunteers are needed for the t annual Apace Great Race, which will take place on July 21. This is the perfect opportunity for groups/individuals to work together and provide a helping hand for one of Sacramento's premiere sporting events. For a volunteer application, call 875-6640 or visit wnw.thegreatrace.com

**Art exhibit**

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330-B Gibbons Drive in Carmichael, will be displaying the watercolors and mixed media of Sacramento artist Anne Bradley and her advanced students, beginning on June 25th. For more information, call 971-3713.

**Arts and crafts show**

Sacramento's premiere contemporary crafts and fine art show returns this fall (October 5-7) at the Sacramento Convention Center. Over 225 exhibitors will participate this years, featuring artists in ceramics, woodworking, painting and sculpting. For tickets and events information, call 530-756-6456.

**Senior exercise classes**

InfoLine Sacramento has compiled a list of exercise programs especially designed for older people. To receive a free copy of this list, call 498-1000. InfoLine is a program of the Community Services Planning Council and provides free telephone information and referral services. The program operates Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Exchange students need homes**

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is looking for American families to host foreign high school students for the 2001/2001 school year. These are young people between the ages of 15 and 18 who speak English, have their own spending money and medical insurance. For more information, call 1-800-844-4101 or visit wnw.aise.com.

**Zoo news**

The Sacramento Zoo's summer concert series begins on Tuesday, June 5, with live music from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The annual Adopt-an-Animal Picnic will be held on June 23rd, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. An Ice Cream Safari is scheduled on Saturday, July t from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. (The Sacramento Zoo's extended zoo hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning June 1 through September 3.)

**More college classes**

Due to a growing demand for summer classes, the colleges of the Los Rios Community College District have increased the number of classes they will be offering this summer. For class schedules and registration information, visit the Los Rios District Web site at wnw.losrios.org or call 568-3041.

**Shakespeare Festival**

The Sacramento Shakespeare Festival, produced by City Theater of Sacramento City College, presents *The Three Musketeers* and *Macbeth* in William Land Park beginning Friday, June 29. For more information, call 558-2228.

## *This week in local government*

The West Sacramento Economic Development Advisory Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, at City Hall (1350 Halyard Dr.)

The agenda was not available at press time. It will be posted July 6 at City Hall.

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## 4H equestrian kids need place to practice

The second year of West Sacramento kids staying involved in the 4H horse program was very successful. Last year, only one West Sacramento rider (Caity Silva) participated, but this year there were five riders. In addition to Silva, Calvin and Kevin Langford, Rachel Risso and Valencia Dussaut also joined in on the fun (riding horses BJ, Joe, April and Flame). All five riders participated in the Yolo County 4H Horse Show and two are qualified to participate in the 4H Classic in August.

Caity Silva rode last weekend at the 4H Team Challenge in Woodland and received a 1st Place in Showmanship.

Last year John and Teri Davis (Davis Truck Painting) let the 4H horse group use their property to practice; Bob and Pat Hart (Sierra-Hart) provided a Western saddle; and Cindy Emerson (Supply Hardware) and Vicki Osborne (Don's Mobile Truck Repair) led the group.

This year the 4H kids had practice meetings at Bob and Pat Hart's arena, but unfortunately, they will be moving to a new location. If you have property near the Jefferson/Davis Road area that the 4H riders could use in the future, please contact Charyl Silva at 372-5654.

*Local NASCAR driver:*

# Lamar qualifies 10th, moves up to 5th -- and gets hit

BURNEY LAMAR

A multi-car crash took West Sacramento's Burney Lamar out of the race at the Featherlite Southwest Series, NASCAR Touring division race at Sonoma June 16.

Lamar, the rookie-of-the-year point leader, had qualified tenth and moved up to the five-spot before the crash on the pit straight coming out of the hair pin. Also involved were Greg Pursley, Craig Raudman and Auggie Vidovich, Jr.

Before the race, Lamar was in sixth place overall in the series point standings.

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## Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Which major-league team holds the record for the most victories in the month of April?
2. Who was the first American League pitcher to walk the first four batters of a game?
3. True or false: The Baltimore Ravens tied an NFL record last season with four shutouts?
4. When was the last time the University of Southern California men's basketball team reached the Final Four?
5. Which NHL team notched the fewest victories in a season of at least 70 games?
6. In what year did Jim Thorpe win the Olympic decathlon for the United States?
7. How many times did Jack Nicklaus win more than $100,000 by winning the Masters?

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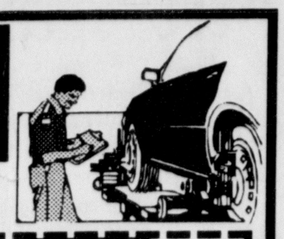

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**INVITATION TO BID**

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**West Sacramento Civic Center Project**

Bids will be opened and tabulated by or on behalf of the Director of Community Development at the Director's office immediately after 2 o'clock, p.m., on said August 9, 2001. Any bids received after the time specified shall be returned unopened.

**A-1. Description of Work**

The full project is the construction and use of an approximately 64,000 square foot Civic Center building with offices, Council Chambers, meeting rooms and community area, The site has frontage on the north side of West Capitol Avenue.

The western portion of the building will have a 2,000 SF lobby, 47,000 SF of offices, shared facilities, and mechanical areas. The office portion of the building will be three stories. The building will initially house approximately 117 employees with an eventual employee count of 161. In addition to the building, paved, lighted parking and site amenities will be provided on site. The eastern portion of the building will be two stories and 17,000 square feet with community meeting rooms and associated spaces on the first floor and the Council Chambers and associated spaces on the second floor. A two story high Galleria will face West Capitol with the meeting rooms and Council Chambers behind.

Approximately 200 parking spaces will be provided on site. A secured parking area for the City's vehicles will be included in the above parking.

A nonmandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the site at 1110 West Capitol Avenue on July 24, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. local time.

**A-2. Obtaining Contract Documents**

To obtain documents a non-refundable cost of $25.00 per set will be charged. The fee shall be paid and documents obtained at The Community Development Department, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM PDT. Specify the number of sets needed when ordering. Limit to three sets per company. Partial sets may not be ordered. Sets will be available Monday, July 16, 2001.

Plans and specifications can be viewed on the Internet at www.planwell.com. Please call Brownies at 443-1322 with questions about viewing plans and specifications on-line. Plans will be available at local plan rooms and Dodge scan.

**A-3. Submission of Proposals**

All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that the bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Hand delivered bids on the day of the bid opening shall be made to the director of community development at the address set forth above. Mailed bids must be received by the City prior to the hour and date of the bid opening and shall be addressed to Stephen Patek, The Director of Community Development, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

**A-4. Proposal Guarantee**

Each bid must be sealed and accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

The cash, cashier's check, certified check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a written contract within ten (10) days after being requested to do so and will be considered as the stipulated amount of liquidated damages in the event the bidder is unable to or refuses to execute a contract for the work. Upon an award to the successful bidder, the security of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned in a reasonable period of time.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contracts Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies, which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

If the bidder elects to provide a bid bond, a company that is authorized and licensed by the Insurance Commissioner as an "admitted surety insurer" shall furnish the bond.

**A-5. Construction License**

The successful bidder must possess a current B Contractor's License issued by the State of California at the time of bid and shall be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

**A-6. Award**

The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the City Council. The Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

**A-7. Rejection of Bids**

The City will award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder and reserves the right to reject all bids. See Section B-13 which sets forth the process by which the City will award the bid.

**A-8. Disqualification of Bidder**

If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

**A-9. Relief of Bidder**

Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

**A-10. Prevailing Wages**

Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the rates for overtime and holiday work in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder. Copies of the prevailing wage rates are on file with and available upon request from the Engineer. The requirement to pay these wage rates and rates not so specified, is further detailed in Section E-3 of General Conditions. It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

**A-11. Bonds**

Contract bonds per sections B-14 and B-16 of this contract.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO JUVENILE DIVISION**
**In the Matter of ASHLEY SMITH, Minor**
**NO. JV-99-00382**
**CITATION**

TO: All persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 238 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on August 15, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Toni Smith October 16, 1987. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

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/s/Thomas E. Warriner
Judge of the Juvenile Court
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed JUN 15, 2001**
**File No. 2001-398**

The following person is doing business as JL Landscape Materials, Inc., 3222 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

A California corporation; GERALD LEROY LAMBIRTH, 1032 Meadow Rd., West Sacramento, CA 95691; Dennis Copenhauer, 5301 14th Ave., Sacramento, CA 95820.

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/7/2001.

/s/GERALD LEROY LAMBIRTH
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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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**AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**
**PB01-158**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICK OWEN IMMOOS, AKA Patrick Immoos, Pat Immoos, and Patrick O. Immoos.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANITA IMMOOS in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Anita Immoos be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 30, at 8:30 a.m., in Dept. 5, at 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/Guy G. Gibson, Jr.
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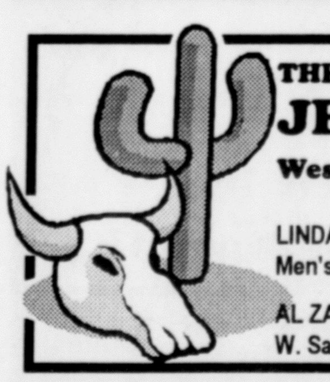


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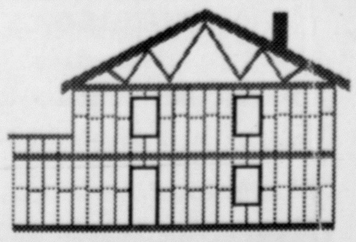

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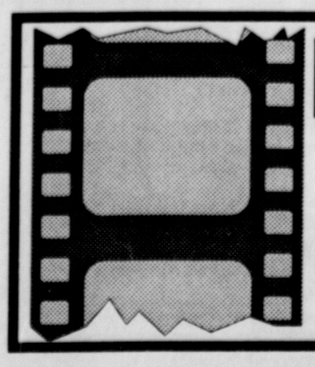

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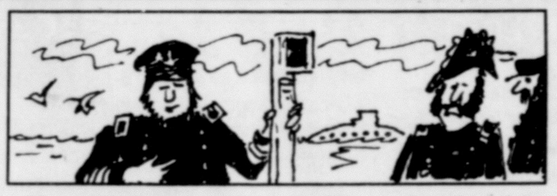

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**Filed JUN 4, 2001**
**File No. 2001-377**

The following person is doing business as Capay Valley Winery, #1 Ranch Road, Brooks, CA 95606:

Pamela S. Welch and Tom Frederick, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6-1-01.

/s/Pamela S. Welch
/s/Tom Frederick

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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Date: JUN 4, 2001
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 31, 2001**
**File No. 2001-366**

The following person is doing business as Diggin' Dog Farm, 18265 Co. Rd. 70, Brooks, CA 95606:

Eric John Patterson, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/31/01.

/s/Eric Patterson

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 31, 2001
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed JUN 15, 2001**
**File No. 2001-399**

The following person is doing business as Lambirth Trucking, Inc., 1023 Meadow Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Gerald Leroy Lambirth, same address.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/7/2001.

/s/GERALD LEROY LAMBIRTH
CEO/President
Lambirth Trucking, Inc.

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: June 15, 2001
by: /s/P. Roble, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 31, 2001**
**File No. 2001-365**

The following person is doing business as A Healing Garden, 926 Court Street, Woodland CA 95695:

Tina L. Ginnetti, 926 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/15/01.

/s/Tina L. Ginetti

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 31, 2001
by: /s/K. Weisenburg, Dep Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed June 1, 2001**
**File No. 2001-371**

The following person is doing business as Woodland Plaza; Woodland Plaza Automotive Center; Woodland Automotive Center; 151 W. Main St., Woodland:

Clarence L. Gribbon, 611 Pine Creek Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-1-89. Previous fictitious business name number 95-121

/s/Clarence L. Gribbon

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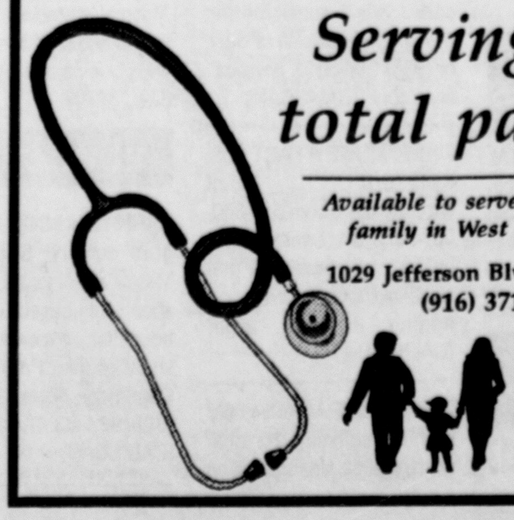

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## Cool Off With A Delicious, Warm Weather Treat

Apple Kuchen: A fluffy batter bread topped with apple slices and a cinnamon mixture.

(NAPS)—It may surprise some people to learn Americans enjoyed one of the country's most delicious desserts even before the U.S. enjoyed its independence.

Scholarly investigations of the American history of ice cream say the tasty treat arrived in the country around 1774, two years before the U.S. war of independence—now, National Ice Cream Month and Independence Day are both celebrated in July.

It is believed that First Lady Dolley Madison popularized ice cream by introducing it to White House guests at her husband's 1813 inaugural ball.

Today, the average American consumes 23 quarts of ice cream and related frozen treats each year, according to Suzy Gardner, co-author of *Ice Cream for All Seasons* (ReTreat Publishing, 1999).

To enjoy the sweet taste of ice cream all year round, the home economists at Fleischmann's Yeast offer this delicious new flavor combination: Apple Kuchen a la Mode.

Apple Kuchen is fluffy, batter bread topped with apple slices and cinnamon mixture. This sweet cake-like treat combines beautifully with ice cream. It has an old-fashioned feel—great for cooling off on a hot night:

**Apple Kuchen**

**Ingredients**
**2¼ cups all-purpose flour**
**⅓ cup sugar**
**1 envelope Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast**
**1 teaspoon salt**
**½ cup water**
**¼ cup milk**
**⅓ cup butter or margarine**
**1 egg, large**
**3 cups sliced fresh cooking apple**
**Cinnamon Topping (recipe follows)**

**In a large bowl, combine ¾ cup flour, sugar, undissolved yeast, and salt. Heat water, milk, and butter until very warm (120° to 130°F). Gradually add to flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add egg and 1 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in remaining flour to make a stiff batter. Turn into greased 13 x 9-inch pan. Arrange apple slices evenly over batter; sprinkle with Cinnamon Topping. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.**

**Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes or until done. Cool in pan on wire rack, or serve warm with vanilla or cinnamon ice cream.**

***Cinnamon Topping:* In a small bowl, combine ⅔ cup sugar and 1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon. Cut in 2 tablespoons butter or margarine with pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.**

**Nutrition Information Per Serving: Serving size: slice (1/12 of recipe)**

**Calories: 240; Total fat: 8 g; Saturated fat: 4.5 g; Cholesterol: 35 mg; Sodium: 270 mg; Carbohydrates: 39 g; Dietary Fiber: 2 g; Protein: 3 g.**

Christina Crawford, Consumer Affairs Supervisor in the U.S. for Fleischmann's Yeast, says the type of apples used can affect how the Apple Kuchen tastes.

"When apples are called for in a baking recipe, we recommend a juicy apple that does not disintegrate easily," Crawford says. "Not all varieties stand up well to baking. Some even become bitter."

Crawford recommends three apples for baking:

- **McIntosh**—dark, red skin with green streaks. Canada's most popular apple, the apple is medium-sized, firm, juicy, and has a crisp flesh.
- **Rome Beauty**—red stripes with little spots. The fruit is large, round, shiny and aromatic.
- **Granny Smith**—green. Originally grown in Australia, the apple is said to get its name from its first cultivator—Grandmother Smith. The fruit was introduced in North America in the 1970s. The apple is medium-sized, juicy and tart.

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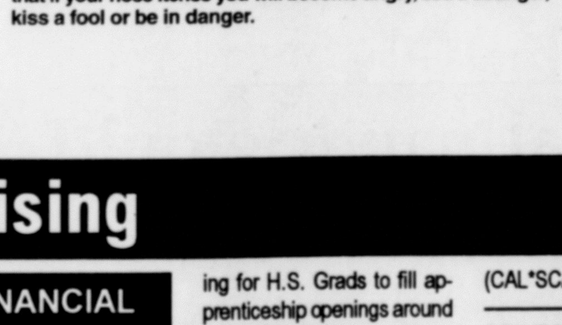

In England and parts of America it is believed by some that if your nose itches you will become angry, see a stranger, kiss a fool or be in danger.

## spotlight on health

### Travelers Beware: Hepatitis A and B May Await You

PLAN AHEAD—Proper immunization can help prevent diseases such as hepatitis A and B.

(NAPS)—Are you planning a trip to Africa or Asia? Maybe you have selected a Caribbean destination or are taking a European holiday. In preparing for a trip, travelers frequently get lost in the excitement of making flight and hotel reservations, buying guidebooks and planning agendas. Oftentimes, travelers do not think about potential health risks, including hepatitis A and B, that can be avoided with preventive measures.

Most people may not realize that hepatitis A and B are the two most common vaccine-preventable diseases for travelers. Hepatitis A is spread by the fecal-oral route through close person-to-person contact, or by ingesting contaminated food or water. Hepatitis B is a serious disease that can cause permanent liver damage, liver cancer and even death. The good news is now there is a convenient way to protect against both diseases with one vaccine. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved GlaxoSmith Kline's Twinrix® [Hepatitis A Inactivated & Hepatitis B (Recombinant) Vaccine], the world's only combination hepatitis A and B vaccine indicated for use in adults 18 years and older, proven safe and effective in the prevention of hepatitis A and B.

In unvaccinated travelers, hepatitis A occurs 100 times more often than typhoid fever and 1,000 times more often than cholera. People who have hepatitis A are typically infected for two weeks before symptoms appear, returning from a trip infected and unknowingly spreading the disease to others. Eleven to 22 percent of adult hepatitis A patients require hospitalization and approximately 100 people in the U.S. die every year from this disease.

Hepatitis B is a serious disease, and can be 100 times more contagious than HIV. Hepatitis B can be spread through infected blood or body fluids, sexual contact, intravenous drug use, contact sports (via cuts and scrapes), body piercing and tattooing. Travelers may engage in casual sexual activities, excessive drinking, water activities and adventure sports, finding themselves at risk of acquiring the disease since such activities increase their chances for accidents or trauma. Receiving medical attention in endemic countries places the traveler at risk of contracting hepatitis B from contaminated equipment and blood or infected healthcare workers.

"All travelers are at risk of contracting hepatitis A and B in the United States and abroad. Hepatitis does not discriminate; travelers are at risk of infection regardless of whether they stay at youth hostels or five-star hotels," according to Phyllis Kozarsky, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Emory University School of Public Health. Approximately 50 percent of persons with hepatitis A and 25 percent of persons with hepatitis B have no known risk factor for their infection.

*Twinrix* is a safe and effective vaccine that provides protection against both hepatitis A and B. In fact, *Twinrix* offers more convenience, as it requires three shots, instead of five, to protect against both hepatitis A and B. The most common adverse events in clinical trials included soreness at the injection site, headache and fatigue.

When planning your next trip, make your health a priority—see your physician or a travel medicine expert before departing. Individuals who would benefit from vaccination include those who travel to areas such as Africa, Asia (except Japan), the Caribbean, South America, the Middle East and eastern and southern Europe. Plan ahead to get the proper immunizations to help prevent diseases such as hepatitis A and B from ruining your trip. For more information on hepatitis A and B prevention and *Twinrix*, access the World Wide Web at www.travelsafely.com or call 1-800-366-8900 ext. 5231.

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# OPINION

**News-Ledger Editorial:**

## Politically quiet

Anecdotes in support of a pattern:

■ West Sacramento has consistently lower voter turnout than other Yolo County cities, or the unincorporated area of Yolo.

■ You may recall that former Congressman Vic Fazio – one of the most powerful people in Congress – listed his address as West Sacramento. He owned property here (a Southport condominium), but it's probable he spent years at a time without spending a night at his "residence." Certainly, local visits weren't seen by his office as politically necessary.

■ Yolo County has a number of designated historical sites. You can find them in Davis and Woodland, of course, but also in Esparto, Zamora and other, smaller communities – everywhere but West Sacramento. That's not because nothing ever happened here. It's because citizens haven't pursued official recognition of West Sacramento's history.

■ A total of 24 people served the Yolo County Grand Jury this year. Twenty-one of them were from Davis and Woodland. The remaining three hailed from Brooks, Winters and the town of Yolo. None was from West Sacramento.

The Grand Jury (which responds to public complaints) handled no West Sacramento issues this year, concentrating only on Yolo County government and on one matter from Davis.

There's a conclusion that is supportable not only by these stray facts, but by just about any other data you'd care to collect.

West Sacramento may be maturing as a city. And it may be flexing its political muscle in the region. But it is still, in some ways, a political wallflower. It still misses a lot of opportunities to become politically engaged.

## *More community news*

### Mitzi Squire, Bruce Sweeten, Jr.

Bruce Allan Sweeten and Mitzi Squire were married on June 8, 2001 in Salt Lake City, Utah. A reception was held at the Davis Creek First Ward Chapel in Farmington, Utah.

Mitzi is a native of Utah and the daughter of Brad and Jo Ann Squire. She is a graduate of Weber State University.

Bruce is from West Sacramento and the son of Bruce Sr., and Lois Sweeten. He is a 1996 graduate of River City High School and currently attends Weber State University.

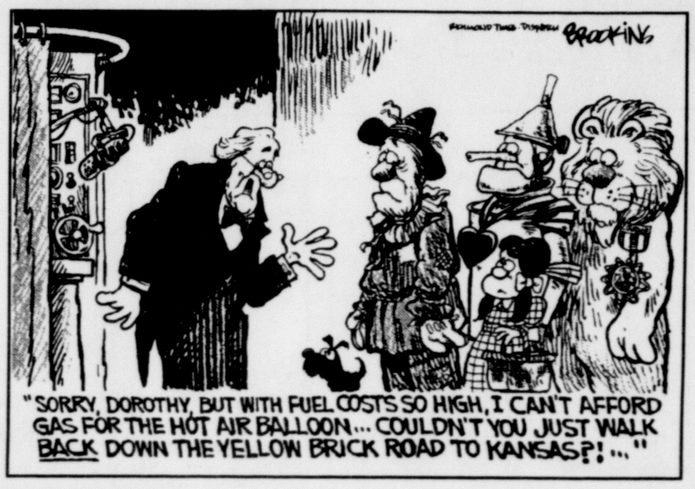
The couple will make their home in Bountiful, Utah.

### Marjorie & Millard Ungles

*Longtime West Sac residents celebrate their 60th anniversary with surprise party June 30*

Longtime West Sacramento residents Marjorie and Millard Ungles recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their children, and their spouses, honored them with a surprise Open House celebration on June 30th. Many friends, family, and neighbors attended.

Marjorie and Millard were married in Fayette, Missouri on June 29, 1941.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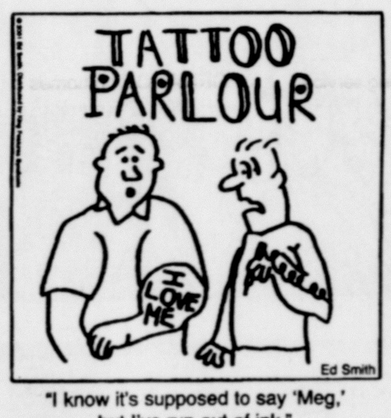
"Keep looking — he's got to be around here somewhere."




"I know it's supposed to say 'Meg,' but I've run out of ink."

**File No. 2001-407**
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: SHEA DESIGN STUDIO, 655 Brea Canyon Rd, Walnut, CA 91789

Shea Homes Limited Partnership, 655 Brea Canyon Rd., Walnut, CA 91789

This business is conducted by a limited partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/01.

SIGNED: RONALD L. LAKEY, FOR J.F. SHEA CO., INC., MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER OF SHEA HOMES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on June 19, 2001.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 17900 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 31, 2001**
**File No. 2001-368**

The following person is doing business as Lee Michael Alan Walthall dba Delta of Venus, 122 B St., Davis CA95616:

Lee Michael Alan Walthall, 5521 Aileen Way, Sacramento CA 95819.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/31/01.

/s/Lee Walthall

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 31, 2001
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST**

Loan No.: 02500201447827041/PETERMANN/BANK OF AMERICA Order No.: 717996 APN#: 14-373-25-1 T.S. No.: 55405

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Recorded on September 19, 1990 as Instrument No. 24117 of Official records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded March 14, 2001 as Instrument No. 2001-0001545-00 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on July 11, 2001 On the main steps of the County Courthouse 725 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95776 at 11:00 AM, AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust.

The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1001 Rogers Street West Sacramento, CA 95605

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: $23,027.13

In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right.

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust.

Dated: June 15, 2001

Integrated Lender Services, a Delaware corporation, as Trustee
14320 Firestone Blvd., Suite 303,

La Mirada, California 90638 For sales information please call: 714-480-5690 Joan Herman, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer (714) 522-8795
55405
06/20/01, 06/27/01, 07/04/01
CNS- 262691#
NEWS-LEDGER

**Filed JUN 4, 2001**
**File No. 2001-375**

The following person is doing business as Her Shopping Directory; Her Shopping Guide, 602 Laurel PL., Davis CA 95616:

Maria Medina, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/4/01.

/s/Maria Medina

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: JUN 4, 2001
by: /s/Victoria Barnes, Deputy Clerk

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER PT 01-956**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Vicki Tinney filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name Matthew Curtis Arthur Fillmore to proposed name Matthew Abraham Tinney; and present name Rebecca Connie Fillmore to proposed name Rebecca Sarah Nona Tinney.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: July 27, 2001, at 8:30 a.m., Dept. 5, at Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News-Ledger.

Date: 5/25/01
/s/William S. Lebov
Judge of the Superior Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO**
**NO. JV-99-00197**
**In the Matter of**
**MARICELLA GARCIA/AKA RAMOS, Minor.**
**CITATION**

TO: Shaun Steele, McKinley Johnson, and all persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 238 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on August 22, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Alicia Garcia on June 17, 1999. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 6/11/01.
/s/Thomas E. Warriner
Judge of the Juvenile Court

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**PUBLIC LIEN SALE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to CA Bus. And Prof. Code 21700 et seq that A&S Mini Storage, 541 Harbor Blvd., will for the purpose of satisfying lien for storage, sell at public auction at 10:30 a.m., the 17th day of July 2001, the contents of the storage spaces named below, which consist of misc. personal property, household, garage and yard items. Terms and inspection prior to sale.

Jose Martinez, D-12; William Carswell, D-23; Alex Estranda, F-27; Raul Caballero, G-20; Tamara Leivo, G-29; Daniel Flynn, H-23; Laura Pettway, I-8.

Bob Kolak Auction Service Lic.
A-468

Jul 4 11

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**JULY 19, 2001**

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, July 19, 2001, at West Sacramento City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

**6:00 p.m.**

**Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions**

**Item #1**

**ZA 01-28 Hart Lot Line Adjustment**

The applicant requests a lot line adjustment between two adjacent parcels resulting in a 5.0 gross acre parcel and a +/- 34.4 gross acre parcel. Both resultant parcels will have frontage on Jefferson Boulevard. (DT)

**ZA 01-26 DeSousa Lot Line Adjustment**

The applicant seeks approval of a lot line adjustment to create two lots from four. Proposed Parcel A will contain two existing structures and an existing asphalt parking lot. Proposed Parcel B will contain a single-family dwelling and a detached secondary unit in the back of the parcel. This request is being made for financing purposes. (MW)

**ZA 01-20 Zoning Administrator Interpretation**

This item is a Zoning Administrator Interpretation of the consistency if storage containers, not designed for human occupancy, used a security offices with Section 17.43.014 of the West Sacramento Zoning Ordinance. (DT)

**Regular Agenda**

**Item #2**

**Rapp Tentative Parcel Map #4505**

The applicant seeks approval of a tentative parcel map to subdivide a 20.8-acre parcel into four lots. Each lot would be 5 acres gross or larger. The property is located at 4555 Jefferson Boulevard, on the east side of Jefferson Boulevard, north of Burrows Road (APN #46-190-05) and is zoned A-1 (Agricultural-General). A Negative Declaration has been filed. OWNER: William Rapp, 4555 Jefferson Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. APPLICANT: Wecker Surveys, 3740 Modoc Place, Davis, CA 95616. (SW)

**Item #3**

**Capitol Place General Plan Amendment, Rezone, and Planned Development Permit**

The developer seeks approval of a General Plan Amendment, rezone and Planned Development Permit for approximately 9.4 acres located at the northwest corner of Sacramento Avenue and Douglas Street (APN #'s 10-320-72, 14-570-23 & 24). The developer proposes to (1) amend the General Plan from Community Commercial (CC) to High Density Residential (HR); (2) rezone the site from Community Commercial (C-2) to Multiple Family Residential (R-3); and (3) obtain a Planned Development Permit to allow development of a 192-unit multi-family apartment complex. A Negative Declaration has been filed. OWNER: G.W. Williams, 3190 Clearview Way, Suite 200, San Mateo, CA 94402. APPLICANT: Swett Equity, 131 Wellfleet Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. (SW)

**Item #4**

**Seaway International Trade Center, General Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Revised Vesting Tentative Map**

This project would make minor modifications to the approved land use designations, modifications to change lot sizes, alter interior street alignments and alter zoning designations. Changes to the Vesting Tentative Map include a reduction in the total number of lots, an increase in the average lot size, and minor amendments to the interior roadway design. The project is bounded on the north by the Deep Water Ship Channel, on the east by the Arlington Oaks subdivision, on the west by the Southport Business Park project and on the south by the main Drain Canal and has multiple zoning designations (M-3 (Waterfront Industrial), M-1 (Light Industrial), BP (Business Park), RP (Recreation-Parks), POS (Public Open Space), C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial). A Negative Declaration has previously been circulated on the project. OWNER/APPLICANT: Port of Sacramento, 3251 Beacon Blvd., Suite 300, PO Box 980070, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0070. (MW)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

July 4

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency will conduct a public hearing on July 18, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter to consider the proposed sale of the Redevelopment Agency-owned development parcel bounded by 3rd/4th/"B" and "C" streets to Regis Homes, Inc. The hearing will be held at City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento.

Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in the meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 373-5800. Notification 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City Hall is handicapped accessible. A report containing information regarding the proposed sale is available at the offices of the Redevelopment Agency at 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento.

July 4 11

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 17, 2001**
**File No. 2001-342**

The following person is doing business as Lizette Designs; Ad-Hoc Solutions, 1121 Menlo Dr., Davis CA 95616:

Lizette H. Hopkins and Don R. Hopkins, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01-01-01.

/s/Lizette Hopkins
/s/Don Hopkins

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 17, 2001
by: /s/Josie Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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# PUZZLES & COMICS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

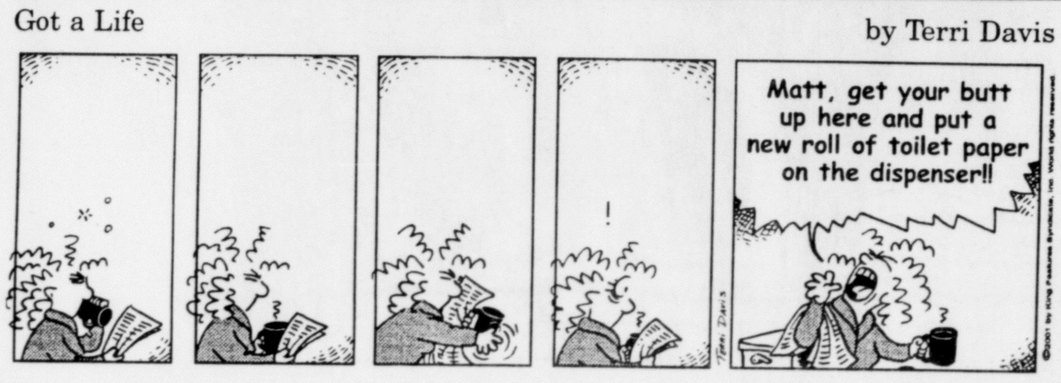
ON THE NEWS THEY JUST SHOWED A GUY WITH A RECEDING HAIRLINE!!
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT A RECEDING HAIRLINE?
HIS WAS RECEDING DOWN INSTEAD OF UP!!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Got a Life

by Terri Davis




R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

POPEYE
Hey Eisman
THIS ARTICLE SAYS..."THE REASON YOU REPEL WOMEN COULD BE YOUR ENDLESS MEWLING!"
WOT'S THAT MEAN?
YOU'RE ALWAYS LAMENTING... "NOBODY LOVES ME!"
ALWAYS BEMOANING THE LACK OF YOUR PARENTS' AFFECTION... ...YOU'RE A WHINER!
I HAVE GOOD REASON T'BE!
THIS COULD BE YOUR PERCEPTION DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS...
DR. BORIS NOTGUDENUFF WRITES..."THIS COULD BE A FALSE MEMORY..."
...BROUGHT ON BY LOW SELF-ESTEEM!!
OH YEAH?... ...THEN HOW COME MY FOLKS NEVER BOUGHT ME ANY NEW CLOTHES?
EVERYTHIN' I WORE WUZ HAND-ME-DOWNS!
SO WHAT?
EVERYBODY HAD TO WEAR HAND-ME-DOWNS!
FROM SISTERS?

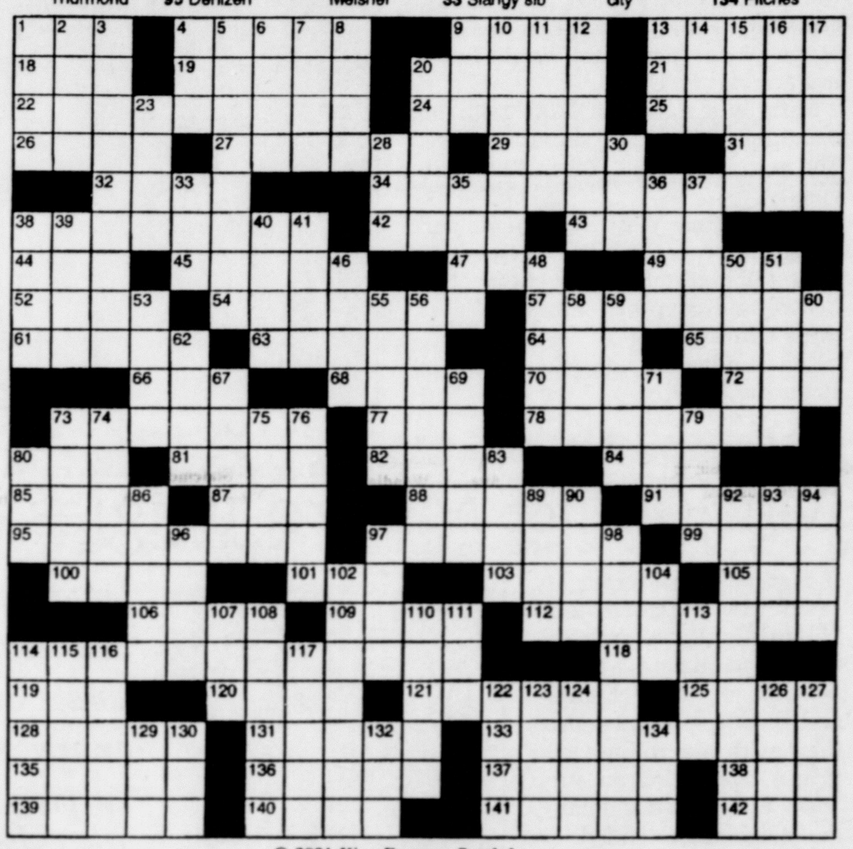
SECRET AGENT X-9
A.K.A. PHIL CORRIGAN
THE I.I.I.
INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS INSTITUTE
FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE
www.keefestudios.com
LIKE A COSMIC BOOMERANG, SECRET AGENT X-9 IS RETURNED TO EARTH VIA MING'S SPACE PORTAL.
THOUGH GONE UNDETECTED BY THE MONITORING SYSTEMS--- ARCHAIC IN COMPARISON TO THE DEVICE FROM MONGO--- THE INCIDENT DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED.
PHIL!
CHIEF TOLD US TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOU.
JEN... WOLF!
LET'S GET HIM OUT OF HERE.
WHAT'S YOUR REPORT?
MING'S BEEN STOPPED... BUT THE PORTAL'S TOO UNSTABLE TO KEEP ACTIVE.
AFFIRMATIVE. EXPLOSIVES ARE ALREADY IN PLACE.
TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE PLANET MONGO.
NEXT! NEW ADVENTURE!

## Super Crossword

SOUNDS TOUGH!

**ACROSS**
1 Big —
4 "Stop, sailor!"
9 James of "Misery"
13 Swashbuckling novelist
18 Grand — Opry
19 Actress Berger
20 Mournful music
21 "F Troop" corporal
22 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
24 Mid-size band
25 "Andrea —"
26 Costa —
27 "Family Feud" host
29 Division word
31 Aachen article
32 Basilica feature
34 Part 2 of remark
38 TV's "General —"
42 Like some sheep
43 Part of HOMES
44 Inclined
45 Senator Thurmond
47 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
49 Wee serving
52 Composer Schifrin
54 Circus performer
57 Put on a pedestal
61 Soft tissue
63 Tangle
64 Damage
65 Actress Ward
66 Baseball's Boudreau
68 Enchilada alternative
70 "Trinity" author
72 Neighbor of Wyo.
73 Obeys the dentist
77 Part 3 of remark
78 '80s Joe Penny series
80 Crank's comment
81 Skater Lipinski
82 Noun suffix
84 Sundown, to Shelley
85 Actor Arkin
87 See 106 Across
88 "Love Train" group
91 Thick of things
95 Denizen
97 Geological phenomenon
99 The Chipmunks, e.g.
100 Comic Carvey
101 Galena, for one
103 — -ski party
105 Priest's robe
106 With 87 Across, type of liqueur
109 Merit
112 — blanket
114 Part 4 of remark
118 Well-informed
119 "So that's your game!"
120 Nonflowering plant
121 "The Addams Family" uncle
125 Does Little work
128 Croc's kin
131 Chateau valley
133 End of remark
135 Wear away
136 Computer key
137 "The Lady —" ('79 film)
138 Child welfare org.
139 Rock's Meisner
140 Stocking stuffers?
141 Dispositions
142 "The Bells" monogram

**DOWN**
1 Physicist Niels
2 "The Time Machine" people
3 English port
4 Simile center
5 Feud
6 Novelist Seton
7 Pack
8 Homeric characters
9 Pres. Clinton, e.g.
10 Performer
11 Actor's actor?
12 Irritate
13 Rigoletto, to Gilda
14 Actor Tognazzi
15 — Gras
16 Sharon of Israel
17 Trap
20 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
23 Comics' "Andy —"
28 He gives a hoot
30 "— the fields we go . . ."
33 Slangy sib
35 Ain't right?
36 Extensive
37 Toast start
38 Grapefruit serving
39 October birthstone
40 Curved lines
41 Forsaken
46 Ditch under a drawbridge
48 Object
50 Change for the better
51 Brawl
53 Sonja Henie's birthplace
55 Acts like an ass?
56 Spirits
58 Amritsar attire
59 Nonsense
60 Smidgen
62 Throw a party
67 Custom
69 Message board?
71 Goblet part
73 Lost luster
74 — apso
75 Gray or Moran
76 — Domingo
79 "What's — for me?"
80 Candy quantity
83 Spotted rodent
86 Belarusian city
89 Puppy protests
90 Withered
92 Downspout
93 Bank deposit?
94 "Twelfth Night" role
96 Spanish surrealist
97 Equipment
98 Happened again
102 Heal a rift
104 Eat in the evening
107 Right — the bat
108 A hole near the sole
110 Allude (to)
111 Dundee denial
113 Loud laugh
114 Bet
115 "Pal Joey" author
116 Boca —, FL
117 Maine town
122 Willowy
123 Baseball's Martinez
124 Spanish river
126 "I could — horse!"
127 Break suddenly
129 Eccentric
130 Curious George's creator
132 Musical syllables
134 Pitches



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

## MAGIC MAZE ● — MOON

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Q N K H D A X C U R P M J G D
A D X V S Q N R K I F D A X V
T F E Q B O M E J H F C A Y W
U R L N P L N S H L J H F T D
B Z X A R V U C R T T G R S Q
O M K I H O N E Y E N N W E H
F D B Z B L H N Y I T I E V K
W V T B D L O T X R Q N N R C
O N I L K U I A H F D A U A O
C G A Z X F W Y L L A W W H M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## challenger® THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME

By L. Conry Hoffman

DIRECTIONS:
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
- Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION

Today's Challenge
Time 9 Minutes 7 Seconds
Your Working Time Minutes Seconds

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# Police Log

**Date unknown (past week):**
A West Capitol Ave. businessperson reported that someone stole a tractor/trailer rig loaded with men's underwear.

**June 29, 8:15 a.m.**
A 24-year old man drove through a sobriety & driver's license checkpoint at Park Blvd. & Westacre Rd., and was found to have a suspended driver's license. The vehicle was searched when seized, and a bag of approximately 8 grams of methamphetamines was found. The driver was arrested.

**July 1, 1:59 a.m.**
A woman on Halyard Dr. reported that a 24-year old female suspect kicked her several times while she was down. The victim had abrasions and complained of pain. The suspect was arrested.

**July 1, 9 a.m.**
A West Capitol Ave. businessperson reported that an employee had put $480 into an office safe, and another opened the safe and found the money gone. The safe's keys were kept nearby.

**July 1, 8:24 a.m.**
A 92-year old West Sacramento man was found dead in his home, apparently of natural causes.

**July 1, 1:37 p.m.**
On Triangle Ct., a man reported someone had broken into his boat and taken $2,000 worth of fishing tackle.

**July 1, 2:36 p.m.**
An officer responded to the report of a naked man on 4th St. The man was found to be drunk, and arrested.

**July 1, 6:45 p.m.**
A caller said he was watching several juveniles tear apart the railing on a walkway approaching the River Walk Park. An officer arrived and caught all seven suspects. Two were 18 years old, and the others were age 16-17. All were cited and released on the spot, and the parents of the youths were contacted and offered the option of coming down to pick up their kids. None did.

**July 1, 9:04 p.m.**
On Phelps Ct., a woman reported that a neighbor's "pit bulls" got through her fence and killed her cat. An animal control officer took a complaint. The dogs' owner refused to open the door for officers who knocked.

**July 1, 11:30 p.m.**
On 13th St., a man reported hearing noises from an empty duplex next door, and finding a man in it when he investigated. He said he wrestled with the suspect for about ten minutes and received a stab in the arm from a small key chain knife. Police noted he was not out of breath or sweating after the struggle, and that they had responded on an earlier occasion when the same caller fired shots at an unknown suspect.

**July 2, 12:53 a.m.**
An officer located a vehicle stolen from Colorado, and two juvenile suspects were arrested.

**July 2, 4 a.m.**
An officer took a report regarding a small fire in a wheat field near Linden Rd.

**July 2, 12:41 a.m.**
A 30-year old man on a bicycle was stopped by an officer for biking the wrong direction on the side of the road. The man was on searchable probation. Near where the man was stopped, an officer found a plastic bag with possible methamphetamines. The man was arrested.

# New at library

The Arthur F. Turner Library has received the following new books:

"Painfully Shy: How to Overcome Social Anxiety and Reclaim Your Life," by Barbara G. Markway, Ph.D and Gregory P. Markway, Ph.D.

"Dim Sum, Bagels, and Grits: A Sourcebook for Multicultural Families", by Myra Alperson.

"Let's Elope: The Definitive Guide to Eloping, Destination Weddings, and Other Creative Wedding Options" by Scott Shaw and Lynn Beahan.

"Hildegard's Healing Plants: From Her Medieval Classic Physica," translated by Bruce W. Hozeski.

"Home to War: A History of the Vietnam Veterans' Movement," by Gerald Nicosia.

The library will be closed on Wednesday July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

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West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 372-6441
Date: _____
Helen's picnic place
1520 Merkley Ave


**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed JUN 6, 2001**
**File No. 2001-382**
The following person is doing business as Jakarta Bodyworks; Opportunity Knocks Marketing, 1206 J St., Davis CA 95616:
Marta Wilson Sykes, same address.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/22/01.
/s/Marta Wilson Sykes
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: JUN 6, 2001
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed JUN 11, 2001**
**File No. 2001-392**
The following person is doing business as West Sacramento Grocery Outlet, 3015 Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:
Eric Charles Flick, 769 Canyonwood Ct., Brentwood, CA 94513.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6-11-01.
/s/Eric Flick
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: JUN 11, 2001
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 30, 2001**
**File No. 2001-362**
The following person is doing business as Universal Detail Service; Universal Detail, 2700 Rice Avenue, West Sacto, CA 95691:
Mary Adams, PO Box 2656, Elk Grove, CA 95759.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/01.
/s/Mary Adams
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.
State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 30, 2001
by: /s/Debbie Holck, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 31, 2001**
**File No. 2001-363**
The following person is doing business as Trinity Quartet of Woodland, 33 Nevada Ave., Woodland CA 95695:
Richard Allen Anderson, 33 Nevada Ave., Woodland CA95695; Gary Leonder Christopherson, 449 ½ Lawson Ln., 95695.
This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/31/2001.
/s/Richard A. Anderson
/s/Gary Christopherson
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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: May 31, 2001
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 1, 2001**
**File No. 2001-317**
The following person is doing business as Bella Gift Company, 525 West El Dorado Dr., Woodland CA 95695:
Shannon Hampton, same address.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/1/01.
/s/Shannon Hampton
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed June 7, 2001**
**File No. 2001-386**
The following person is doing business as American Homesweb, Realty & Financial; Calweb Properties; Calweb Financial, 1706 Cork Pl., Davis CA 95616:
Hueimei Kuo, 1927 Alicante St., Davis CA 95616.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06-01-01.
/s/Hueimei Kuo
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by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed JUN 1, 2001**
**File No. 2001-370**
The following person is doing business as Refrigeration Maintenance Services, Inc.; RMS Truck & Trailer Refrigeration, 711 Sutter St., West Sacramento CA 95691:
Refrigeration Maintenance Services, Inc. (a Calif. Corp.), 711 Sutter St., West Sacramento CA95691.
This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/24/01.
/s/Cheri Sheley, Secty./Treas.
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by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 11, 2001**
**File No. 2001-335**
The following person is doing business as Citiwear Plus 8, 1264 E. Gibson Rd., A-107, Woodland CA 95776:
Moo Sung Han, 326 Endless Ct., El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/11/01.
/s/Moo S. Han
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 18, 2001**
**File No. 2001-343**
The following person is doing business as Gold Cup Kettle Corn, 4211 Boxelder Pl., Davis CA 95616:
Robert Fahy, 4211 Boxelder Pl., Davis CA 95616; Mark Porter, Botecelli, Davis, CA 95616.
This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/18/01.
/s/Robert J. Fahy
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**
**Filed May 30, 2001**
**File No. 2001-358**
The following person is doing business as MSS Designs, 604 4th St., Woodland CA 95695:
Marlene E. Strand-Schlaht and Larry R. Schlaht, same address as above.
This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/30/01.
/s/Marlene E. Strand-Schlaht
/s/Larry R. Schlaht
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Date: May 30, 2001
by: /s/Georgie Tolle, Deputy Clerk
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**Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name**
**FBN Number 2000-831**
**JUN 8, 2001**
The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name RMS Enterprises; Coast Transit Refrigeration, at 721 Sutter St., West Sacramento, CA 95691.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 11-7-00.
Robert W. Block, 2685 River Plaza Dr. #317, Sacramento, CA 95691.
This business was conducted by Robert W. Block.
/s/Robert W. Block
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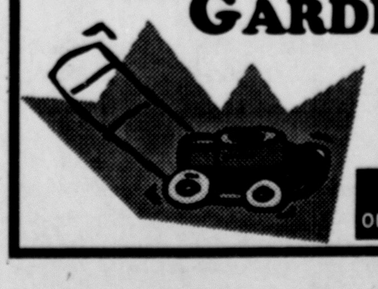

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# Local Scene

### Yolubus for kids

The "Summer Sizzler" program will again offer children 17 and under discounted Yolobus rides throughout the summer. Through August, kids 17 and under can ride the bus to any of its destinations for only 25 cents. The bus visits many destinations including Raley Field, UC Davis, Old Sacramento, downtown Sacramento, County Fair Mall, local movie theaters and others. A summer pass may also be purchased for just $10. Call 530-661-0816 for information.

### Police/Firefighters Gala

West Sacramento's Police Officers Association and Fire Fighters Association will host dinner and dancing at the ziggurat building (former Money Store) at 6 p.m. on Sept. 22. The black-tie-optional event features dinner catered by the Zinfandel Grille, music by LT Productions, and a silent auction. Tickets for $45. The event is a benefit for Northern California Special Olympics. Sponsorships available. Call 372-2461 ext. 254.

### VFW picnic

VFW Post 8762 at 905 Drever St. will host its annual picnic on Wed., July 4, at 4 p.m. Dinner of chicken and burgers for $5/person (the amount was incorrectly stated here on June 20). Call 371-7245 for more information.

### Volunteers for triathlon

Eppies Great Race on Sat., July 21, is seeking volunteers to help staff the run/bike/paddle event in Sacramento. Free T-shirts, food and fun are promised to volunteers. The event raises funds for the Sacramento County Therapeutic Recreation Services. Call (916) 875-6640 or email saccotr@hotmail.com.

### Interfaith

All are welcome to participate in the Interfaith Worship Service meeting at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 W. Capitol Ave., on Sun., July 8, at 4 p.m. The service is sponsored by the West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering, which seeks to increase understanding among people of different faith traditions and promote community well-being. Call 371-8804 or 374-9177 for information.

### Tennis, karate & more

The West Sacramento Parks and Community Services department is sponsoring "summertime fun." Classes for kids include tennis, swimming, karate, baseball and soccer. A hunter safety program is also offered for first-time hunters in the state. Call 373-5860 for information on any class.

### Interfaith group

Religious leaders of all faith traditions are invited to a brown bag Interfaith Gathering on Friday, July 6, at noon at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 W. Capitol Ave. Call 371-8804 or 374-9177 for information.

### Dads' group

Dads with children under age six are invited to participate with their child in a new DADS (Dads And Daughters/Sons) group sponsored by the Yolo County Children and Family Commission. No charge. Meets at 518 Main St. in Woodland, providing weekly activities To register, call (530) 662-2211, ext. 20.

### Vacation Bible School

Kids 3 years old through 8th grade are invited to join the "F.R.O.G.S. Club" at First Baptist Church's vacation Bible School meeting 9 a.m. to noon July 9 through 13. No cost. Emphasis will be on character-building, and learning to forgive, respect, obey, give thanks and serve ("F.R.O.G.S."). Any Campbell's food product labels collected prior to the camp will be redeemed to help a ministry for mentally disabled adults. Call 371-4061 for information.

### Interfaith worship service

All are invited to the Interfaith Summer Worship Service on Sun., July 8 at 4 p.m. This service is the second by sponsor West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering. It will be at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 W. Capitol Ave. Call Marge Beach at 371-8804 or CSA at 374-9177.

### Rep. Ose's office hours

A representative of Congressman Doug Ose will be available from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 6, at West Sacramento city council chambers, 1350 Halyard Dr., to meet with constituents. The representative will offer assistance with issues such as Social Security, disability, college financial aid problems, immigration issues and other federal issues. No appointment necessary.

### Free lunches

Free lunches will be available to anyone 18 and under, and a free summer program will be available to kids ages 5-12, at the summer K.I.D.S. program June 25 to Aug. 3 at various West Sacramento parks and schoolgrounds. The programs are sponsored by the City of West Sacramento and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For times and locations, call 373-5860.

### Fair entries

"A Grape Place to Be" is the slogan for this year's Yolo County Fair, scheduled for Aug. 15 through Aug. 19 in Woodland. Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out their entry forms early to be seen at this "largest free admission county fair in California." Visit the library at 1212 Merkley Ave. or the Chamber of Commerce at 1414 Merkley Ave. for entry forms. In Clarksburg, visit the library at 52915 Netherlands Rd. or visit the Holland Supermarket.

### Class of '81

River City High School's Class of '81 will hold its 20th reunion Sat., Aug. 25, at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Contact the reunion committee at rivercity81@yahoo.com to receive a flyer. Send in your reservation form & payment as soon as possible.

### Food & wine expo

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with local wineries and restaurants, is presenting a Food and Wine Expo on July 19 from 5-7:30 p.m. Cover charge is $10. Must be 21. Call 371-7042 for information.

### Bible School

First Southern Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 9-14, with crafts, music, activities and snacks for kids preschool through sixth grade. An adult class will be held at the same time. The theme is "Truth Trackers." There will be a special program Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. for parents to see what their children accomplished during the week. Call the church, 371-2111, or Pastor Root at 925-1205, for information.

### Class of '76

The Class of 1976 at James Marshall High is planning its 25-year reunion, with a riverboat cruise on the Matthew McKinley from 1-5 p.m. on Aug. 18. Includes lunch and entertainment; there will be a no-host bar. Cost is $40. Call Debbie Emerson-Bouzard at 371-4165 (home) or 552-7639 (work), or email her at dbouzard@calhealth.org.

### Bible School

Children are invited to "Building a Better World" Vacation Bible School, lasting 24 hours from 5 p.m. July 13 to 5 p.m. July 14 at Community Lutheran Church. The Friday/Saturday overnight program will feature singing, games, Bible lessons, crafts, meals and swimming and is open to kids age three and older. Call 371-8804.

### CSUS for kids

CSU Sacramento is hosting a "Kreative Kids on Kampus" program, with a five-week educational enrichment program for children entering grades 2-7. The program begins July 23, and operates 8:30-3 daily, with extended hours available to accommodate working parents. Included with be sculpture, science, poetry, writing, hip hop dance, songwriting, drawing and more. Class allows from one to five weeks of participation. Call (916) 858-1759 for information.

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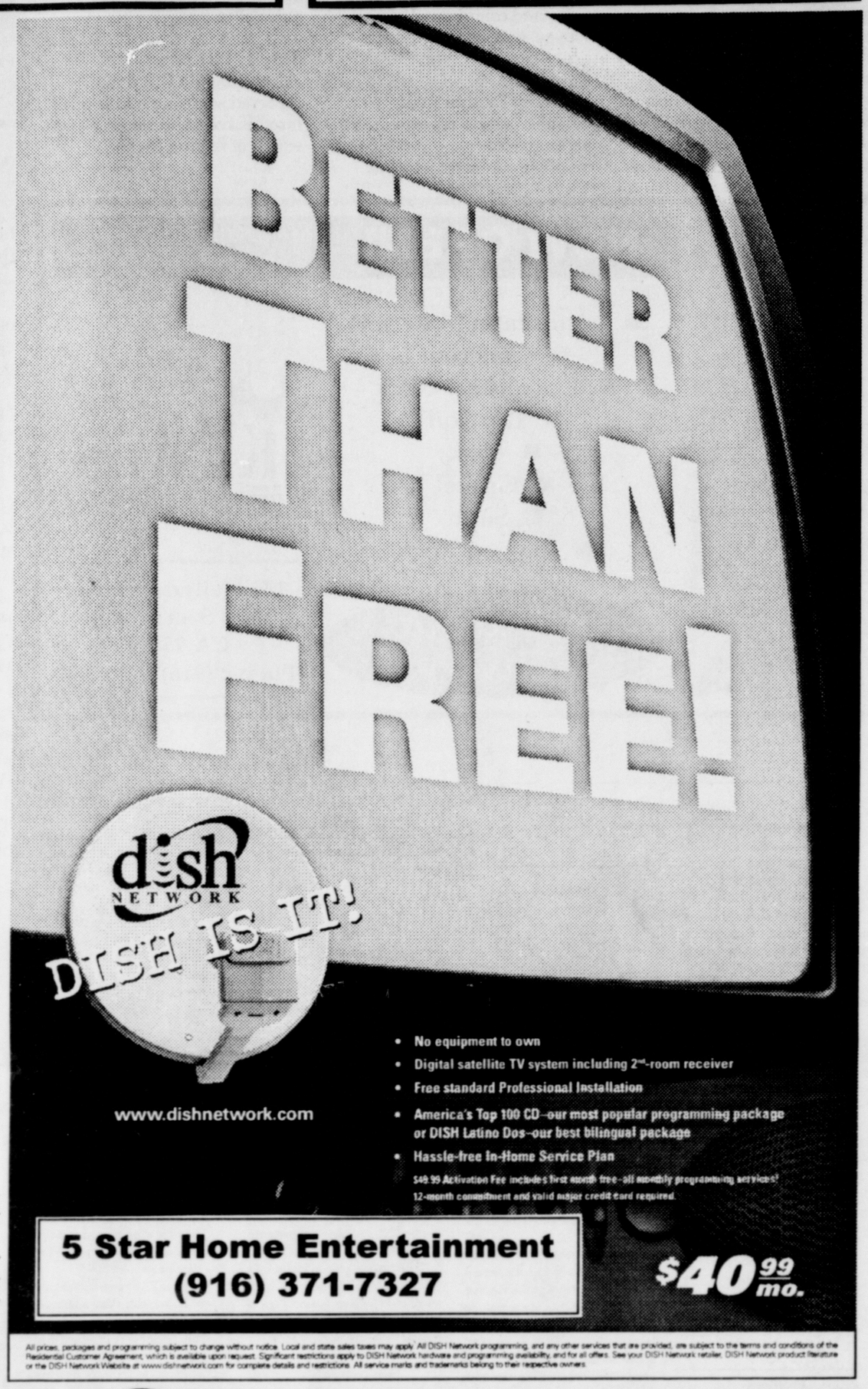
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2. Texas' Roger Pavlik accomplished the notorious feat in 1997 versus Toronto.
3. False. The 1976 Pittsburgh Steelers recorded five shutouts.
4. The last time the Trojans made it to the Final Four was 1954.
5. The Washington Capitals won only eight times in 1974-75.
6. Thorpe won the decathlon in 1912.
7. Only once — in 1986 — did Nicklaus top $100,000 for winning the Masters ($144,000).

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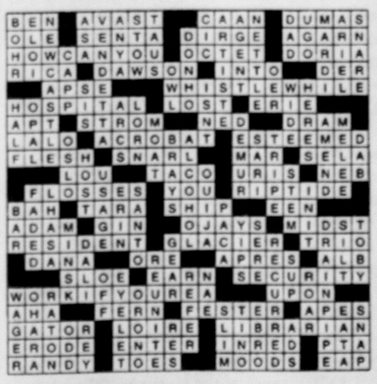

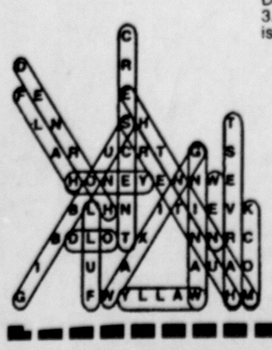

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# 2000–2001 YOLO COUNTY GRAND JURY

# FINAL REPORT

A report for the citizens of Yolo County, California

June 29, 2001
Woodland, California

# 2000–2001 Yolo County Grand Jury Final Report

## A Report for the Citizens of Yolo County

Grand Jury, P.O. Box 2142, Woodland, California 95776 • (530) 666-8225 • http://home8.gotnet.net/ycgj

June 29, 2001

Honorable Thomas E. Warriner
Department 7
Superior Court, County of Yolo
Courthouse, 725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Dear Judge Warriner:

On behalf of the 2000–2001 Grand Jury of the County of Yolo it is my honor to present to you, the Board of Supervisors, and the citizens of Yolo County this grand jury report, a compilation of all final reports and reviews completed during our term.

The following final reports and reviews represent a prodigious number of hours expended by grand jurors for endless meetings, interviews, research, investigations, debates, sometimes disagreements, and deliberations, in the process of taking testimony, sifting through documents, inspecting facilities, checking and rechecking facts, and report writing and editing. A caveat: those reading these reports should not assume that the reports we officially publish herein represent the sum total of our work. Indeed, there were other investigations that we were unable to complete because we ran out of time. There were other issues that were resolved in the course of our investigations, and still another in which the Grand Jury did not feel the investigation was sufficiently investigated to be able to issue a fair and impartial report. These "unpublished" activities can and do represent an enormous amount of time and work that doesn't necessarily come through in this published report.

Indeed, the citizens of Yolo County can rest assured that the support and facilities provided by the County to grand juries are utilized fully. For example, this Grand Jury logged in the following tasks as the public's "watchdog" (all figures are approximations from logs kept by committee chairs): 141 meetings; 86 interviews; 80 witnesses; logged over 3500 hours, or about 15 hours per juror per month; 300 voice mail calls; countless conversations setting up meetings and interviews; and countless other tasks not recorded.

There were also some significant developments made by this year's Grand Jury, the most notable were these four: we created a format for our reports that gives the public an opportunity to look into the methodology we used in arriving at our findings and recommendations rather than just giving conclusions without a clue as to the activities involved in getting there; we negotiated an extremely attractive copy machine arrangement for the grand jury quarters so that grand jury copying needs can be both convenient and confidential; when we started our term we lacked an adequate computer system. Working with the County's enthusiastic computer services staff, we obtained a new updated computer, scanner, and printer; and we joined the rest of the technological world by creating a web site (see http://home8.gotnet.net/ycgj) where Yolo County grand juries can publish reports and other pertinent grand jury information, including the grand jury's citizen complaint form. The site is linked to other County and cities' web sites and to the California Grand Jury Association.

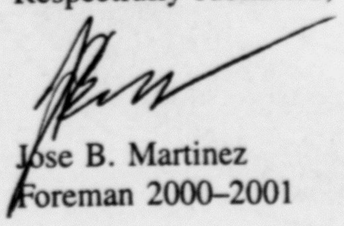
***"To make no mistakes is not in the power of man; but from their errors and mistakes the wise and good learn wisdom for the future."*** –Plutarch

The citizens of Yolo County can be proud of the many dedicated county officials, staff and employees that perform their work diligently and conscientiously. In fact, our work in preparing our final reports was made easier by the efforts of many of these people. The Grand Jury was impressed with their energy, professionalism, and patience in their handling of our numerous requests for both documents and interviews. This was all done by people under the pressure of operating within budget constraints that can and do often impede their programs and, in many instances, while also receiving less pay for the same work that our surrounding city and county neighbors receive. We thank all of those people we had the pleasure of interacting with during our term. We especially want to thank you for making yourself so readily available to us in spite of your busy schedule.

Although I do not think this Grand Jury was truly a cross-section of Yolo County (both with respect to its citizens and geography), it did represent a diversity of experience and talent to contribute effectively to the Grand Jury and the committees spearheading the various investigations. I have been honored to be the foreman for the 2000–2001 Grand Jury, and I am indebted to my fellow jurors for the quality of their work and their dedication in fulfilling their duty as grand jurors. After two consecutive terms I have a profound appreciation for the work and contributions that grand juries make to the citizens they serve. I encourage more citizens to participate as grand jurors as well as a greater effort by the County to seek for future grand juries a more representative reflection of the County's rich diversity found in its citizens and geography.

With the publication of these final reports the 2000–2001 Grand Jury term is completed. As alluded to earlier, the final reports herein are the result of the cooperation and dedication of each grand jury member. We came together as strangers and depart hopefully richer in our experience of having worked together. Even though there were times we disagreed with each other, now that the discussions are over, and the democratic process prevailed, I hope each individual left this experience respecting each other for their contribution. I know I do. I offer my personal commendation to each Juror for their hard work and thoughtful consideration in producing this document and working together as a deliberative body. My respect and appreciation is extended to each for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,



Jose B. Martinez
Foreman 2000–2001

***"Look and you will find—what is unsought will go undetected."*** –Sophocles

# Introduction

The California Constitution requires each county to appoint a Grand Jury to guard the public interest by monitoring local government. The Yolo County Superior Court appoints 19 grand jurors each year from a pool of volunteers. The Grand Jury is an official, independent body of the Court, not answerable to administrators or the Board of Supervisors.

Unlike Grand Juries in other states, a California Grand Jury's primary responsibility is to promote honesty and efficiency in government by reviewing the operations and performance of county and city governments, school districts, and special districts. Based on these reviews, the Grand Jury issues a report which may recommend changes in the way government conducts its business. Copies are distributed to public officials, county libraries, and the news media. The head of each government agency reviewed must respond to Grand Jury recommendations within 90 days. (See appendix for responses to the 1999–2000 Grand Jury report.)

Another Grand Jury responsibility is to consider complaints submitted by private citizens, local government officials, or government employees. Complaints must be in writing and should include any supporting evidence available (you can request a complaint form at your local library or from the Grand Jury at P.O. Box 2142, Woodland, CA 95776). Grand jurors are sworn to secrecy and, except in rare circumstances, records of their meetings may not be subpoenaed. This secrecy ensures that neither the identity of the complainant nor the testimony offered to the Grand Jury during its investigations will be revealed. The Grand Jury exercises its own discretion in deciding whether to conduct an investigation or to report its findings on citizen complaints.

A third responsibility of the Grand Jury is to consider criminal indictments based on evidence presented by the District Attorney. The Grand Jury also investigates charges of malfeasance (wrongdoing) or misfeasance (a lawful act performed in an unlawful manner) by public officials.

To be eligible for the Grand Jury, a citizen must:

- be at least 18 years old;
- have resided in the county for at least one year;
- exhibit ordinary intelligence and good character;
- possess a working knowledge of the English language; and
- not have served on the Grand Jury within one year (the Court may choose to hold over up to 10 jurors to ease transition).

Following a screening process by the Court, grand jurors are selected by lottery. If you are interested in becoming a grand juror, submit your name to the Jury Commissioner, 725 Court Street, Room 303, Woodland, California, 95695, or telephone (530) 666-8600.

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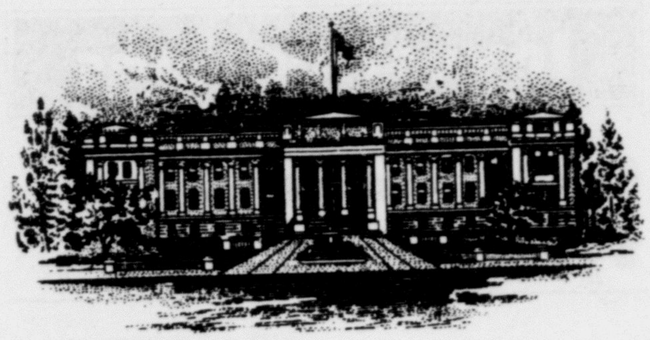

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Harry O. Walker, *Woodland*

These people served on the 2000–2001 Grand Jury but were unable to complete their terms:

Jeffrey Holzman, *Woodland*
Robert L. Mansfield, *Davis*
Steven J. Mercer, *Winters*
Mary Lou Nevis, *Woodland*
Diana Puccetti, *Woodland*
Esther Vasquez, *Yolo*

# Investigations

# Small Public Water Systems

## REASON FOR REVIEW

In response to a citizen's complaint alleging that the county's safety requirements for small water systems are excessive and unnecessarily strict, the Grand Jury investigated how the Yolo County division of Environmental Health issues permits for Small Public Water Systems and monitors their safety.

## BACKGROUND

The Yolo County Health Department's office of Environmental Health (EH) has authority from the State to regulate and monitor most of the county's water systems. Small system operators must receive a permit to provide tap water, and the water they provide is tested periodically to ensure its safety.

The State differentiates public water systems by size (measured by the number of connections from the system to individual households or other users) on the assumption that the larger the system, the greater the potential risk to the public if the water becomes contaminated. For that reason, large water systems are subject to more frequent monitoring and more stringent controls than smaller systems. The regulations for water systems derive from the Safe Drinking Water Act and are codified in the State Health and Safety Code.

Small Public Water Systems are those with 5–14 connections; examples of these systems in Yolo County include trailer parks not connected to city water systems and migrant labor camps.

## FINDINGS

1. EH issues permits for Small Public Water Systems only after at least two consecutive water samples test negative for contaminants.
2. Water sampling must be performed by an accredited technician and testing done by an accredited laboratory.
3. EH employs Registered Environmental Health Specialists as field inspectors.
4. EH water samples are tested at the county Public Health Services laboratory for bacterial contamination. If the source of the water is within a "zone of vulnerability" because of its proximity to known risks or if the system has not previously operated under permit, the water is also tested for chemical contamination. The most likely water contaminants in Yolo County are bacteria, pesticides, hydrocarbons, and nitrates.
5. Abandoned wells are a potential source of contamination to the water table.
6. Once a water system has received its permit, EH requires monthly or quarterly monitoring, which is usually performed by the county's Environmental Health Specialists. EH can require more frequent monitoring if the water system is deemed high risk.
7. The cost of system monitoring and water testing is borne by the system operator.
8. Permits for systems that pass inspection are renewed annually, but may be suspended at any time if a system is out of compliance.
9. In addition to demonstrating that they can provide safe drinking water, system operators must also have a satisfactory "plan of notification" to alert consumers if the water tests positive for contamination.
10. When a water system tests positive, EH will identify the source of the contamination if possible, and recommend how the system can best be fixed. If contamination renders the water unsafe to drink, the system's users must be notified and either provided with bottled water or told to boil their tap water until the system can again provide safe water.
11. EH attempts to verify whether in fact users have been notified appropriately, but staffing constraints limit how much follow-up the department can do.
12. EH does not currently have sufficient staff or funding to locate and oversee the sealing of abandoned wells.
13. At the time of the Grand Jury investigation, EH was understaffed. EH employs the equivalent of 1.6 full-time water quality specialists to monitor more than 100 small water systems. (EH assigns technicians either to its hazardous materials unit or to a general unit responsible for restaurant inspections, water quality, waste management, land use, rabies control, housing, body art and tattooing, and swimming pools and spas. EH technicians in the general unit work in more than one discipline; the Drinking Water Quality Program accounts for 22.8 percent of their work time.) Adding one more full-time specialist position would enable EH to fully meet its legal obligation to protect water quality in Yolo County, at a cost of $70,000 a year.
14. EH lost four employees in 2000 to nearby counties that can offer better compensation.
15. EH's operating budget is $1.3 million; of that total, 80 percent comes from user fees, 14 percent from the county general fund, and the remainder from federal grants and state funds. Water user fees bring the department just over $104,000 a year.
16. EH is legally constrained from raising permit fees.
17. There were no confirmed cases of illness attributable to contaminated water in Yolo County in the two years preceding the Grand Jury's investigation.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. Yolo County employs well-qualified Environmental Health Specialists who, in addition to their professional qualifications, have undergone a year of training specific to Yolo County in more than one discipline. The Grand Jury was impressed with their knowledge and professionalism.
2. EH's ability to assure safe drinking water is impaired by inadequate staffing, which may be aggravated by the county's inability to match pay scales offered by neighboring counties.
3. Given the risk factors in Yolo County and seasonal changes in the water table, EH cannot assure safe drinking water without the cooperation of system operators, who are on site more frequently than field inspectors can be. When a system is out of compliance, to the potential detriment of its consumers, EH must negotiate a difficult balance between securing cooperation by working with system operators and pursuing enforcement of the law when cooperation fails.
4. When water is found to be contaminated and unsafe to drink, EH depends on system operators either to provide bottled water or instruct consumers to boil water for three minutes, until the system can be fixed. The Grand Jury believes providing bottled water is by far the better remedy, since boiling all water that is to be consumed is so burdensome that even properly notified consumers may not consistently follow directions, especially if the boil-water order is in effect

for more than a few days.

5. There is potential for confusion and, in extreme cases, antagonism if more than one regulatory agency has authority over a water system or associated systems, if the operator needs different permits from different agencies, and if the agencies themselves enforce different standards. EH appears on the whole to maintain good working relations with the other agencies that have parallel or related authority, but it is possible that more could be done to alleviate the potential for system operators to misunderstand their obligations and the reasons for them.
6. The Grand Jury found no evidence to support the complaint.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

01-01 The County should provide funding for full staffing of EH sufficient to assure the safety of rural water supplies.

01-02 When contamination makes system water unsafe to drink, the Yolo County Health Department should require operators of water systems to provide bottled water to consumers within 24 hours.

### RESPONDENTS

Board of Supervisors (Recommendations 01-01 and 01-02)

Yolo County Health Department (Recommendation 01-02)

### METHODOLOGY

**Persons Interviewed**

Complainant

Former and current Environmental Health Specialists, Yolo County

District Representative, State Department of Housing and Community Development

Director, Yolo County Environmental Health

Director, Yolo County Health Department

Health Officer, Yolo County

Member, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Chief of Public Health Laboratory Services, Yolo County

**Documents Examined**

Complainant's file at Yolo County Environmental Health

Relevant sections of the Health and Safety Code

Delegation Agreement between California Department of Health Services and Yolo County

Lab results from water samples

**Wells Sampled**

To assess the efficacy of current regulations, the Grand Jury oversaw the testing of water from five Small Public Water Systems, including the complainant's, operating under permit in different parts of Yolo County. One sample, the complainant's, tested positive for bacterial contamination. When that system was later retested, again at the request and under the oversight of the Grand Jury, it tested negative. System operators were not charged for the cost of Grand Jury tests.

## Child Protective Services

### REASON FOR REVIEW

In response to a citizen's complaint alleging wrongdoing by a member of the Child Protective Services (CPS) division of the Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services, the Grand Jury investigated the handling of the complainant's case. The Grand Jury did not do a full investigation of CPS.

### BACKGROUND

Under the Welfare & Institutions Code, CPS is responsible for the safety and welfare of children whose parents or guardians are unable or unwilling to provide adequate care. CPS takes custody of children referred to the courts by mandated reporters, or in response to reports by doctors, teachers, etc. Parents can regain custody of their children through one of two methods: demonstrating change and appropriate behavior to CPS or complying with remedies that are ordered by a judge under the Welfare & Institutions Code.

### FINDINGS

1. The complainant failed to meet court-ordered remedies.
2. The court granted the complainant three extensions to comply with court-ordered remedies.
3. The court's orders included the complainant's attending a drug diversion program and parenting training meetings.

### CONCLUSIONS

1. The Grand Jury found no evidence to support the complainant's allegations of wrongdoing by CPS or the staff member identified by the complainant.
2. CPS is in compliance with court orders, including protective custody.
3. The Court made reasonable efforts, while protecting and providing for the children, to accommodate the complainant.

### METHODOLOGY

**Persons Interviewed**

Social Work Practitioner, Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services

**Documents Examined**

Official case file

Welfare & Institutions Code Section 300 et seq.

## Juvenile Shelter

### REASON FOR REVIEW

In response to a complaint alleging negligent ward supervision at a Woodland juvenile shelter, the Grand Jury investigated conditions at the shelter. The complaint also alleged that the court's response to a crime that occurred at the shelter was incorrect because insufficient information was presented by county agencies.

### BACKGROUND

The state Department of Social Services' division of Community Care Licensing establishes and licenses group homes and shelters, as well as family homes, to house juveniles who are victims of, or at risk for, physical and psychological abuse, parental neglect, and abandonment.

The Child Protective Services (CPS) division of the Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services investigates local cases of child endangerment and petitions the court for custody of children when warranted. CPS has no jurisdiction over the shelter, but it may and does place children there.

### FINDINGS

1. A juvenile was brought to the attention of CPS because of suspected child endangerment.
2. CPS investigated the case and found probable cause to remove the juvenile from his family's home.
3. After a court hearing, CPS placed the juvenile in a local juvenile shelter.

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4. While in custody of the shelter, the juvenile was accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and was placed in Yolo County Juvenile Hall.
5. Following a Welfare & Institutions Code hearing at which the child was represented by the Yolo County Public Defender, the child was declared a ward of the Court and placed in a California Youth Authority facility.
6. There was only one staff person on duty at the shelter at the time of his violation.
7. The physical layout of the shelter was not sufficient to separate residents by gender.
8. Because nightly monitoring of wards was not scheduled randomly, residents had the opportunity for inappropriate and illegal behavior.
9. The Welfare & Institutions Code requires that county departments of probation and social services develop joint treatment plans for Juvenile Court sentencing determination.
10. The juvenile's case record did not include a coherent, unified treatment and sentencing plan as required by law.
11. Private attorneys and public defenders have the legal right to examine any proposed treatment program for their juvenile clients and have an obligation to determine whether treatment plans will benefit their clients.
12. According to the Public Defender, the absence of a treatment plan reduced his ability to fully represent the juvenile's best interests.
13. According to Superior Court judges interviewed, many juvenile offenses are directly related to family dysfunction and Family Court cases.
14. Superior Court judges we interviewed say the Yolo County Family and Juvenile courts have an informal cooperative relationship that is not currently official policy.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. CPS was right to remove the child from his parents' home.
2. Our investigation substantiated the allegations that ward supervision and conditions allowed for juvenile misbehavior.
3. Ward supervision and conditions at the shelter may have contributed to the juvenile's crime and subsequent incarceration.
4. Since Yolo County does not have an adequate written policy for treatment and sentencing plans, the departments of Probation and Employment & Social Services are out of compliance with the Welfare & Institutions Code.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

01-03 The county Department of Employment & Social Services should ask the Community Care Licensing division of the state Department of Social Services to investigate the management and supervision of the juvenile shelter for consideration of continued licensing.

01-04 The Yolo County Board of Supervisors should require the directors of the departments of Employment & Social Services and Probation and the Public Defender to jointly develop and endorse a plan to bring the County into compliance with the Welfare & Institutions Code.

01-05 A draft of any such plan should be submitted for review by the Family and Juvenile courts, the Yolo County Family Law Bar Association, and the County Counsel prior to its codification.

01-06 The juvenile shelter should increase night-monitoring staff, reconfigure the facility to enable proper separation of wards by gender, and institute a random ward-monitoring system.

## RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Department of Employment & Social Services (Recommendations 01-03 and 01-06)

Board of Supervisors (Recommendations 01-04 and 01-05)

## METHODOLOGY

The Grand Jury inspected the juvenile shelter.

**Persons Interviewed**

Shelter personnel
Public Defender's staff
Department of Employment & Social Services staff
Probation Department staff
State certification and licensing staff
The incarcerated juvenile (with his attorney's consent)
Juvenile's attorney-of-record
Superior Court judges

**Documents Examined**

Penal Code Section 272 et seq.
Official case records and court orders
Welfare & Institutions Code 241.1 et seq. and 602 et seq.

# Yolo County Procurement

## REASON FOR REVIEW

The Grand Jury investigated Yolo County's procurement practices in response to key personnel changes and a January 2000 review by county staff of a 1998 audit of the county's procurement system.

## BACKGROUND

"Procurement encompasses the entire process for obtaining goods and services, including all activities from planning, preparation and processing of a requisition, through source selection, solicitation, evaluation, award and contract formation, to receipt and acceptance of delivery, payment and property disposition, where appropriate."[1]

With such a broad subject to investigate, the Grand Jury narrowed its focus to the three areas we felt needed the most attention:

- policies and procedures as dictated by the Yolo County Code and Administrative Policy Manual;
- competitive processes in acquiring goods and services;
- status of the current training program.

This is not to suggest that other areas should not be subject to further scrutiny, but improving these three key areas is the first step.

Five branches of county government share primary responsibility for procurement: the Board of Supervisors, the county administrative officer (CAO), the assistant county administrative officer who is the chief procurement officer (CPO), the auditor-controller, and county counsel.

The Board of Supervisors has ultimate responsibility to create and enforce all rules, regulations, and guidelines that govern county procurement. The board approves the county's budget and must approve all purchases over $25,000.

The CAO administers the county's budget and exercises continuing budgetary control over all offices, departments, and institutions over which the Board of Supervisors has responsibility. The CAO can approve contracts for services between $10,000 and $25,000.

The CPO assumes all powers and duties of the county purchasing agent as prescribed by state law, and those activities specified by the County Code. The CPO reviews and checks for accuracy and completeness all contracts for services up to $10,000 and all purchases of goods between $1,000 and $25,000.

The auditor-controller is an independent financial and fiscal advisor to the Board of Supervisors and county administration. This office establishes and enforces internal fiscal controls, including revenue information and claim payments, for all procurement-related activities. The auditor-controller ensures that payments are made according to terms of the contract and that payment scheduling takes cash flow into account.

County counsel reviews all contracts to protect the county's interests and provides legal guidance when necessary.

Three primary sources of authority govern Yolo County procurement: the California State Government Code, the County Code, and the county Administrative Policy Manual. In addition, the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers and the American Bar Association have developed model ordinances and procurement codes which serve as a standard against which to judge local ordinances and codes.

## FINDINGS

1. Purchasing responsibilities within the county have been reorganized with the creation of an assistant county administrative officer who reports directly to the CAO and has purchasing responsibility.
2. Three of the officials primarily responsible for the procurement system began their jobs within the last year: the county counsel (recently promoted), the auditor-controller (recently appointed), and the assistant county administrative officer (recently hired).
3. The Board of Supervisors issued minute order 98-160 on April 7, 1998, requesting an action plan from the CAO, auditor-controller, and purchasing agent regarding:
   - revisions to the County Code and Administrative Policy Manual with emphasis on the competitive process;
   - a county-wide training program;
   - increasing the per-transaction limit on purchasing cards, debit cards used by authorized county staff, from $350 to $1,000;
   - increasing the claim (versus purchase order) limit from $200 to $250;
   - increasing the capitalization threshhold (the minimum reportable value) for fixed assets from $750 to $2,000;
   - implementing revised policies and procedures for the competitive process.
4. There were no revisions to the County Code between April 1998 and February 27, 2001.
5. Sections of the Administrative Policy Manual addressing procurement were revised in 1999.
6. A county-wide procurement training program was implemented in August 1999.
7. At the time of our investigation, only one formal training session had been held.
8. The per-transaction limit on purchasing cards has been raised to $1,000.
9. Claim limitations were increased to $1,000 as part of the Administrative Policy Manual on June 22, 1999.
10. The capitalization threshhold for fixed assets was increased to $3,000 as part of the Administrative Policy Manual on July 1, 1999.
11. Two reports, "The Internal Audit of the Procurement Function" and the "Procurement Improvement Team Report," identified problems with procurement and made recommendations to correct them. Some of the recommendations from these reports have been incorporated, but the vast majority has not.
12. The Grand Jury noted no instances of fraud or abuse during its investigation.
13. The Grand Jury noted two deviations from policy in which short-term contracts were approved for more than one year.
14. Human errors may cause contracts and purchase orders to be sent back to the originating department to be completed correctly. Although no statistics are kept, informed sources noted approximately 2 to 5 percent of contracts and purchase orders are sent back to departments for correction.
15. At the time of our investigation, the Purchasing Department staff included the purchasing agent, two buyers, and one clerk.
16. In awarding contracts, the county accords local vendors a preference by allowing their bids to be 3 percent higher than bids from other vendors.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. County procurement must be dynamic and responsive to economic, technological, administrative, legal, and financial changes.
2. The County Code is seriously in need of revision, as was pointed out in great detail by "The Internal Audit of the Procurement Function" and the "Procurement Improvement Team Report."
3. Sections 2.8, 2.8.1, and 2.8.2 of the Administrative Policy Manual lack the necessary cohesiveness to be user-friendly.
4. The technology the county uses for procurement needs to be upgraded and simplified. When we asked for a copy of the current vendor listing, we were amazed to receive a document nearly five inches thick. Many of the vendors had no relevance to procurement. Although we understand the database we investigated is used for more purposes than procurement alone, it was apparent that newer technologies need to be considered.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**General**

01-07 The assistant county administrative officer (CPO), county counsel, and the auditor-controller should meet at least quarterly to assess the county's procurement system.

01-08 The Board of Supervisors should reconsider the amendment to the Administrative Policy Manual that allows the CAO to approve $10,000–$25,000 service contracts. The CPO is clearly the purchasing professional within the county as prescribed by the State Code. As such, the CPO should have responsibility for all purchasing matters put before the Board of Supervisors.

01-09 A county procurement manual should be assembled from all relevant materials derived from the County Code and the Administrative Policy Manual. A desktop guide and/or computer-generated assistance program would be beneficial both for reference and for training.

01-10 The County Code needs a section detailing a code of ethical conduct by all county administrative employees, with language on how to recognize conflict of interest in all county matters, including procurement. A similar reference should be included prohibiting county employees from accepting gifts and gratuities beyond a reasonable value.

01-11 Stand-alone procurement software should be developed separate from the current General Ledger system, especially in the vendor listing and updating functions. Alternatively, the county could

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establish a procurement system which operates as part of an integrated financial network based on the needs of the relevant administrative offices. Electronic transmission of proposals and quotes, bidding, and application to the vendor list merits further study and possible implementation.

01-12 The duties of the CPO should include participating in the planning and budgeting process, and be so noted in the County Code.

01-13 The Grand Jury wholeheartedly encourages and supports the participation of our administrative personnel in professional groups or associations that will assist them in advancing Yolo County's procurement system.

01-14 An additional staff person should be considered to assist the CPO in developing and maintaining revisions to the County Code and Administrative Policy Manual, stand-alone software for procurement, a county procurement manual, and basic and advanced procurement training for relevant county personnel.

**Policies and Procedures**

01-15 The duties and responsibilities of the assistant county administrative officer should be clearly delineated within the County Code, and the integration of the purchasing agent's responsibilities with this office noted. Minimum qualifications need to be established.

01-16 No departments or executive agencies should be exempt from the established procurement system. All authority should be vested to the CPO and so noted in the County Code.

01-17 The County Code should specifically address the delegation of authority by the CPO and the policies and procedures to which those with procurement authority must adhere.

01-18 All changes to the County Code or Administrative Policy Manual should have the advice and consent of the auditor-controller, CPO, and county counsel. The Board of Supervisors should consider and approve all changes.

**Competitive Processes in Acquiring Goods and Services**

01-19 The County Code should be updated with specific language on competitive bidding procedures. Current economic conditions should be taken into consideration in establishing purchasing threshholds. Sealed bids should be mandated for all purchases and contracts over $10,000.

01-20 The administration of the bidding and award process (public notice, time periods, bid opening, identical low bids, adequate competition levels, appeals process, non-collusion affidavits, confidentiality, use of multiple vendors, etc.) needs to be clearly defined in the County Code and the Administrative Policy Manual.

01-21 Circumstances under which competition can be waived should be defined in the County Code and subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. Similarly, the CPO's authority to approve or recommend a quote or bid which, based on quality or service issues, may not be the lowest bid, needs to be noted in the County Code. The conditions and reporting structure to the Board of Supervisors need to be defined as well.

01-22 The local-vendor preference of 3 percent should be removed from the County Code to assure fair play and to maximize efficiency of tax dollars spent.

01-23 The CPO and auditor-controller should include appropriate guidelines for payment criteria and price negotiations in the Administrative Policy Manual and any future procurement manuals or software.

01-24 The Administrative Policy Manual and any future procurement manuals or guides should include policies and procedures which specifically address standard contracts, short-term contracts, rental or lease contracts, multi-year contracts, and option contracts. All multi-year or option contracts should require approval of the Board of Supervisors.

01-25 To promote stability and efficiency in a climate of rapidly changing economic conditions, it may be prudent to encourage long-term contracting, especially in areas such as health care and maintenance. The Board of Supervisors should adopt a reasonable contracting term limit which allows the CPO maximum flexibility in obtaining the best overall value.

01-26 The auditor-controller's office should participate in all procurement matters and approve budgetary planning and payment schedules before any purchase order or contract is submitted to the Board of Supervisors. All policies and procedures should emphasize the importance of including the auditor-controller's office in the earliest phases of planning for any large purchases of goods or services. This will help ensure Yolo County's long-term economic welfare.

01-27 The County Code should specify standards (including inspection and testing) for goods or services that cost more than a predetermined amount. The CPO or designee should be responsible for enforcing the standards to ensure that the county is receiving the best value for its purchase. All purchase orders or contracts should include penalties for non-compliance.

01-28 The County Code should include all relevant insurance requirements for vendors and service providers. The Risk Management department should help draft this addition.

01-29 The County Code should prescribe progressive disciplinary measures for vendors or county employees who intentionally violate the county's policies and procedures.

**Procurement Training Issues**

01-30 The county should establish an ongoing training program for all essential personnel that annually reviews policies and procedures, laws, and codes.

01-31 The program should provide basic training for those who are new or have minimum procurement responsibilities and advanced training for those intimately involved in procurement.

01-32 Training manuals and/or software should be an integral part of the training program.

01-33 The CPO should be responsible for developing and overseeing procurement training programs. All relevant administrative departments (county counsel, risk management, auditor-controller, information technology, human resources, etc.) should assist in developing and implementing procurement training programs.

01-34 The County Code should be amended to define procurement training programs as the responsibility of the CPO.

## RESPONDENTS

Board of Supervisors (all recommendations)

County Administrative Office (all recommendations)
Auditor-Controller (all recommendations)
County Counsel (Recommendations 01-07, 01-10, 01-18, 01-26, 01-29 through 01-34)
YCPARMIA (Recommendation 01-28)

## METHODOLOGY

**Persons Interviewed**

County Administrative Officer
Assistant County Administrative Officer (CPO)
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Director, General Services
Staff members, Auditor-Controller's office
Staff members, County Administrative Office

**Documents Examined**

"The Internal Audit of the Procurement Function"
"Procurement Improvement Team Report"
Board of Supervisors Minute Order 98-160
Various internal responses to the above documents
Procurement Improvement Team minutes
Various Board of Supervisors memorandums
Yolo County Code
Yolo County Administrative Policy Manual
General Ledger Vendor Listing
*An Elected Official's Guide to Procurement*, by Patricia Watt
Various internal administrative memorandums
Administrative job descriptions
Relevant California Code sections
Tulare County Ordinance #3204

[1]National Association of State Purchasing Officials, State and Local Government Purchasing, 4th edition, Lexington, KY, 1994.

# Woodland Community Development Department

## REASON FOR REVIEW

The Grand Jury received complaints about unprofessional and inconsistent practices of the Woodland Community Development Department's (CDD) building division. On investigating, the Grand Jury learned that the city is in the process of revamping the department. For that reason, the Grand Jury decided it could more profitably use its time assessing the reforms now being instituted than investigating past practices, however egregious.

## BACKGROUND

The efforts to overhaul the building division began in 1999 when Woodland's newly appointed city manager hired a new director for the CDD. At their urging, the City of Woodland hired a consultant to perform an audit of the building division, which issues building permits, enforces building codes, and inspects buildings. The audit identified these deficiencies:

- insufficient written office procedures;
- poor record keeping;
- no staff supervision;
- overstaffing of building inspectors;
- inconsistent fee calculation and collection resulting in an overall loss of revenue to the city.

## FINDINGS

1. In response to the audit, the City of Woodland had, at the onset of our investigation, prepared a policies and procedures manual for the building division and hired an engineering firm to provide certified building inspectors until city employees could themselves achieve the proper certification.
2. On December 14, 2000, the Grand Jury asked the Woodland city manager to produce for the Grand Jury's review a detailed plan to remedy all the CDD's identified deficiencies, complete with dates when specific remedies will be implemented.
3. On January 22, 2001, the city manager presented the Grand Jury with his "Management and Action Plan to Improve the Department of Community Development (Building Division) of the City of Woodland" (MAPCDD), excerpts of which follow.

### Management and Action Plan (MAPCDD)

#### Permit Intake/Customer Service

Over the counter permits for roofing, water heaters, electric service change outs, replacing heating or air condition equipment in the same location will receive permits on the same day. Implemented November 2000.

By June 2001 the Building Division and Finance Department will establish procedures for paying by credit card to enable permits to be processed by facsimile.

By March 2001 Department Staff will be trained on new procedures for Plan intake, plan circulation and coordination, forms, and file set-up.

By March 2001 handouts will be made available to the general public to make it easier for the public to understand how to obtain permits and service.

By December 2001 web site improvements will be made to allow customers to download applications and forms. (Budget and Council approval may be necessary.)

A new computerized permit issuance program has been purchased and implemented. This will improve record keeping and permit management. By March 2001 staff will be trained and will be using the new permit issuance program.

#### Plan Check

By March 2001 procedures will be developed and staff will be instructed to send plans to qualified plan check services for all plans that require certification by qualified plan check services and consultants.

#### Construction Inspection

By December 31, 2001, the Building Inspection Services will be functioning in a businesslike fashion.

In October 2000 a contract Building Official possessing current and appropriate certifications was hired. On November 28, 2000, the Supervising Building Inspector, who did not have current skills and certifications, retired, and the position was eliminated. The Consultant Building Official is currently reviewing all records, systems and is developing new procedures to maximize inspection time and workload. [The City Manager] will recommend in the FY2001/2002 budget that a qualified Building Official position be authorized as permanent staff or that a contract position be maintained depending on construction activity. This effort is demonstrating a professional and fresh perspective to the building division and is eliminating outdated and poor past practices.

Current construction slow-down, staff turnover and implementation of new policies and procedures are creating new opportunities of improvement.

#### Building Division Policy/Procedures

The Building Division has lacked standard written policies and procedures. The City contract building official ... has been reviewing examples of manuals from comparative cities and has been crafting a draft manual for staff review.

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The preliminary draft manual will be available for distribution at the January 23 [2001] City Council meeting. The Policies and Procedures Manual will be implemented and personnel will be trained by April 1, 2001.

**Building Permit Fee Calculation/Collection**

The department has been inconsistent in the application of generally accepted fee calculation and collection methods. Staff will receive training to insure consistent application and valuation of construction projects by February 2001.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. The city manager and the director of CDD have made a good start at improving policies and procedures in the department. Of the remedies promised in the January 22, 2001 Management and Action Plan, there are now public handouts explaining permit procedures, and staff training is underway.
2. It is too soon to judge whether the city manager's implemented and promised actions will in fact be sufficient to make the CDD the professional and fair department the citizens of Woodland deserve.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

01-35 The City of Woodland should continue implementing the MAPCDD remedies promised the 2000–2001 Grand Jury.

01-36 The City of Woodland should, in its next budget, allocate the needed funds identified in the MAPCDD.

01-37 The 2001–2002 Grand Jury should review the operations of the CDD to determine if the promised remedies have been implemented and if the department is functioning professionally and consistently.

## RESPONDENTS

Woodland City Manager (Recommendation 01-35)

Woodland City Council (Recommendations 01-35 and 01-36)

## METHODOLOGY

**Persons Interviewed**

Complainants

City Manager, City of Woodland

Director of Community Development, City of Woodland

**Documents Examined**

"Management and Action Plan to Improve the Department of Community Development (Building Division) of the City of Woodland," dated January 22, 2001.

"Management Assessment of Building Inspection Services, City of Woodland, California: Final Report"

Complainants' files

# Yolo County Elections

## REASON FOR REVIEW

The Grand Jury reviewed the Elections Office to determine whether Yolo County elections are conducted fairly and accurately, focusing on how, if at all, Yolo County is protected from the kinds of mistakes and problems seen in Florida in the November 2000 election.

## BACKGROUND

The Elections Office is responsible, under state and federal election laws, for registering voters, selecting the equipment and ballots used in elections, finding polling places, recruiting and training pollworkers, counting votes, and reporting results to the public. The office is directed by the Clerk-Recorder, assisted by a deputy clerk recorder and six full-time election workers. In the days before and after elections, when more people are needed, part-time workers swell the staff of the office.

The city clerks in Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland work closely with the Elections Office year-round and share responsibility for elections in their cities.

Some statistics may help illustrate the scope of the Elections Office's job. In November 2000, 83,385 people had registered to vote in Yolo County. Of that number, 61,950, or 74.2 percent of registered voters, voted in the November 2000 election, and 15,668, or 18.7 percent of them, voted by absentee ballot. To prepare for that election, 64,355 ballots were printed.

Most of the Elections Office budget comes from the county general fund, supplemented by reimbursement from the state for certain state-mandated costs and reimbursement from municipalities and districts for the costs of their elections.

## FINDINGS

1. To increase enfranchisement, California law encourages people to register to vote when they apply for or renew a driver's license.
2. California law allows for provisional voting: voters who, on arriving at their polling place, find their names are not on the rolls may vote provided they meet certain criteria. Their sealed ballots are segregated from the ballots of registered voters whose names do appear on the rolls, and they are counted only if the Elections Office determines that the voters were in fact eligible to vote.
3. To reduce the likelihood of fraudulent voting, the Elections Office compares absentee and provisional voters' signatures with scanned images of the signatures on their registration cards, as required by state law.
4. The Elections Office must adhere to the strict procedures of the federal Voting Rights Act before removing a voter from the rolls. California law requires counties to notify each other when voters move, but there is no federal law that requires this kind of notification between states.
5. During a 30-day canvass period following each election, the Elections Office performs a hand count of random samples of ballots, following a formula dictated by state law, to verify the accuracy of the election-night machine count. The canvass period is also when the legitimacy of provisional votes and absentee votes not counted on election night is verified and those ballots are counted.
6. Yolo County uses the Datavote voting machine, which uses a staple-like tool to punch holes through ballots, leaving no partially punched holes.
7. Ballots are imprinted with each issue and candidate, eliminating the confusion that occurs in counties that print only reference numbers on their ballots.
8. Because the Datavote punches cleanly and because Yolo County uses ballots that identify candidates and propositions, voters can clearly see how they voted when they remove their ballots from the machine.
9. Between elections, voting machines are stored by Sequoia Printing Company, which cleans and inspects the machines and certifies that they are functioning properly before each election.
10. Converting to touchscreen voting would cost Yolo County at least $3 million, and there are unresolved concerns about the security and practicality of this technology.

11. Finding a sufficient number of polling places is a chronic problem, particularly for countywide elections in which turnout is expected to be high.
12. Recruiting a sufficient number of pollworkers is a chronic problem. State law requires three pollworkers present at all times at each site, so the county assigns four workers per site to allow for the breaks workers will need during a workday that can exceed 15 hours.
13. Current pay for pollworkers ranges from $60 to $75 per election, depending on the level of responsibility they undertake. Pollworkers are also paid $10 for attending a training class prior to the election, and they may be reimbursed for their mileage.
14. On election night, ballots arrive at the Elections Office escorted by sheriff's deputies. Boxes of ballots are time-stamped and logged in on arrival. All ballot handling and vote counting is done by at least two people working together in public view. A continuous video feed of the count can be viewed on election night on the Office's web site (www.yoloelections.org).
15. To help its staff keep abreast of new laws, technological advances, and general trends, the Elections Office belongs to a state association of election officials and registrars. All staff attend a conference on new laws each year. The Office also belongs to a national organization that sponsors university classes that allow election officials to become certified.
16. City clerks in Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland are in frequent contact with each other and have good working relationships with Elections Office staff, although they complain about sometimes receiving incomplete or inaccurate information from the Office.
17. Storage and work space is inadequate.
18. According to Elections Office staff, their funding is sufficient.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. Yolo County's Datavote system is accurate and reliable.
2. There is no pressing need for Yolo County to replace its Datavote machines with newer, more technologically advanced equipment. Since research and development of new technologies is underway, it makes sense to wait until there are more and better choices available.
3. Given the long workday, increasing pay for pollworkers is probably not in itself a solution to the shortage of volunteers.
4. The Grand Jury is impressed with the extensive continuing education Yolo County provides for its Elections staff.
5. Although instances of human error are unavoidable, the Grand Jury believes the Elections Office is assiduous in its efforts to ensure fair, accurate elections in Yolo County.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

01-38 The county should provide adequate space for the Elections Office to assemble election-day materials, conduct vote counts, and store ballots as required by law.

01-39 The Elections Office should work to improve the accuracy and timeliness of its communications with city clerks.

## RESPONDENTS

Board of Supervisors (Recommendation 01-38)
Clerk-Recorder (Recommendation 01-39)

## METHODOLOGY

The Grand Jury witnessed demonstrations of signature verification.

**Persons Interviewed**

Clerk-Recorder
Deputy Clerk-Recorder
City Clerk, Davis
City Clerk, West Sacramento
Longtime temporary elections worker
Former candidate for the office of Clerk-Recorder
Chair, Yolo County Democratic Central Committee

**Documents Examined**

"Statement of Votes Cast: Presidential General Election, November 7, 2000," Yolo County Office of Elections, November 16, 2000.

"Touch screen voting unneeded," by Tony Bernhard, *Davis Enterprise*, March 25, 2001.

"Flawed balloting: Lawsuits put pressure on election reform," editorial, *Sacramento Bee*, April 20, 2001.

# Reviews

# Juvenile Hall

## REASON FOR REVIEW

The 1999–2000 Grand Jury recommended that the 2000–2001 Grand Jury revisit the Yolo County Juvenile Hall to determine how well it was functioning after initiating some of the changes recommended by last year's Grand Jury.

## BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2000, members of the Grand Jury toured the Juvenile Hall facility at 238 West Beamer Street in Woodland. Under the authority of California Juvenile Court Law, Juvenile Hall helps protect the public from the delinquent acts of minors by providing for their safe and secure reception and temporary care.

The original facility was built in the 1960s and expanded in 1976–1977 to a facility with a rated capacity of 30. It is not unusual, however, for the facility to house more than 40 juveniles. The director predicts that construction of the new Juvenile Hall will begin in April 2002 and be completed by June 2003.

In its report, the 1999–2000 Grand Jury recommended a number of short-term remedies for the problems it identified at Juvenile Hall: nonfunctioning security monitors, insufficient surveillance cameras, and no metal detector at the entrance to the facility. The Grand Jury also recommended increased salaries and benefits for the corrections officers who work there.

## FINDINGS

1. There is often no one available to use the wand to scan visitors entering the Juvenile Hall.
2. The surveillance cameras have been repositioned and are working.
3. The design of the control room is such that the person working there must sit facing away from the monitors.
4. It is impossible for the control room person to do paper work and answer phones and still observe the wards in the monitors.
5. Juvenile Hall has added two Senior Child Care Workers to its classification system.

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6. In November 2000 Yolo County detention officers received an 11.2 percent pay increase and, in June 2001 safety retirement, retirement benefits for peace officers that previously were not available to officers who work at Juvenile Hall. Detention officers will be vested in the retirement plan after five years; supervisors will be vested after two years.
7. As of November 2000, there was a staff turnover rate of 44 percent and a vacancy of 8 out of 18 positions (44 percent).

### CONCLUSIONS

1. With some exceptions, the physical problems (short-term needs) of the Juvenile Hall appear improved. It is difficult to recommend major physical corrections to the present facility. Such items as walk-through metal detectors and additional video cameras are needed, but the expenditure does not seem warranted in an obsolete and soon-to-be-abandoned facility.
2. It is too soon to judge whether increased salaries and safety retirement will provide enough impetus to remedy the serious understaffing we found at the Hall. Yolo County is facing stiff competition in hiring and retaining competent personnel to staff its Juvenile Hall. To this end the administrators in the Probation Department, the Department of Human Resources, and the Board of Supervisors appear to be trying to do their best.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

01-40 The 2001–2002 Grand Jury should review the Juvenile Hall to determine if the promising remedies are working.

01-41 In the control room, at the very least, mirrors should be installed that would allow the person assigned to the room and sitting at the desk to glance up and observe the monitors.

### RESPONDENTS

Probation Department (Recommendation 01-41)

### METHODOLOGY

**Persons Interviewed**

Chief Probation Officer
Juvenile Hall Director
Assistant County Administrative Officer, Human Resources

## Yolo County Jails

### REASON FOR REVIEW

The state Penal Code instructs grand juries to inquire into the condition and management of public prisons within their county. Yearly the Yolo County Grand Jury has reviewed the Monroe Detention Center and the Walter J. Leinberger Memorial Minimum Security Detention Facility. In the absence of complaints or obvious problems, the review has historically consisted of a one-day overview. This is the procedure the 2000–2001 Grand Jury followed.

### BACKGROUND

**Monroe Detention Center**

The Monroe Detention Center is the main jail for Yolo County. This 12-year-old, 93,000-square-foot facility is able to house 313 inmates of virtually every security classification. All controls and instrumentation are fully electronic, and Monroe is described as a "new generation" or direct-supervision jail. When the inmates are out of their cells, they have unlimited access to indoor and outdoor exercise and recreation equipment, including television, table games, and basketball. Educational opportunities abound: GED tutoring, literacy, parenting, alcohol and drug counseling, anger management, HIV counseling, computer education, and women's support. The equipment and educational programs are purchased with funds generated when the inmates purchase items from the inmate commissary store or use the telephone.

The Sheriff reports that Monroe Detention center is one of a few county jails in California operating without a law suit. It is considered a "showcase" facility, drawing many professionals who come to observe how a modern, well-designed facility operates.

**Leinberger Center**

The Leinberger Center is primarily a working facility, designed to house sentenced inmates who work at various city, county, and state agencies to reduce their jail time. The 15,150-square-foot facility houses inmates dormitory-style. Rated to house 112 male and 30 female inmates, the center acts as an overflow facility for Monroe Center. Potential inmates are strictly screened for transfer to the lower-security facility. In addition to work opportunities, inmates may participate in programs similar to the ones available at Monroe.

The Leinberger Center administrative offices house the Sheriff's Work Program, which offers alternatives to incarceration. Two programs are currently being offered: Sheriff's Working Inmate Program and Electronic Surveillance. During the 1999–2000 fiscal year, there were 268 Electronic Surveillance participants who spent 8,964 days out of jail.

### FINDINGS

1. The Yolo County detention facilities are understaffed. Peace Officers Standard Training review showed that the Monroe facility was short 30–32 staff.
2. Because it is difficult to recruit and train a large number of new officers at one time, recruitment and hiring is an ongoing process.
3. As of June 2000, annual overtime expenditures required to keep the facility fully manned were $832,067.
4. Those overtime expenditures would more than cover the cost of hiring 12 new corrections officers.
5. Turnover is low; the Sheriff's Department has lost only seven deputies in the last three years.

### CONCLUSIONS

1. The Grand Jury found safe, clean facilities staffed by well-trained correctional officers who take pride in their profession and the job they are performing.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

01-42 Yolo County should keep hiring until the Monroe and Leinberger detention centers are fully staffed.

### RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

### METHODOLOGY

The Grand Jury conducted a daylong tour and review of the facilities, including a seminar by Sheriff Ed Prieto.

**Documents Examined**

Annual Report 1999–2000 Sheriff Coroner

## Yolo County Animal Shelter

### REASON FOR REVIEW

As part of its mandated annual review of the Sheriff's Department, the Grand Jury inspected the Yolo County Animal Shelter.

## BACKGROUND

The Yolo County Grand Jury toured the Animal Shelter on August 8, 2000. Part of the Administrative and Special Services Division of the Sheriff's Department, the shelter has the capacity to hold 100 dogs and 75 cats. In addition to domestic animals, the shelter can (and at times does) house exotic animals, livestock, and wildlife. The Animal Shelter employs one manager, one supervisor, nine animal control officers, and one kennel technician. Inmates of the Walter L. Leinberger center help construct, clean, and maintain the cages.

Upon entering the shelter, animals are vaccinated and observed to ensure that only healthy animals will be offered for adoption. The Yolo County Animal Shelter finds homes for over 7,000 animals each year, or more than half of all the animals that enter the shelter.

Animal control officers assist other local and state law enforcement agencies when animals are involved, enforce pertinent code sections, assist postal employees threatened by loose dogs, and respond to complaints about stray animals or animal abuse.

Although it occupies a large site, the facility itself is small and cramped. Half of the main building houses the front office, ASPCA office (the ASPCA works with shelter staff to promote adoptions), staff offices, and a public bathroom which is also used by staff who have no other place to change clothes (after certain "animal events," officers need to shower and change). The other half houses—in separate rooms—cats, adoptable dogs, quarantined animals, and dogs not eligible for adoption. During "cat season," when cats are breeding, the cat room quickly reaches capacity. There is also a barn on site, as well as trailers and storage areas.

Most of the shelter's operating costs are paid by cities within the county that use Animal Control services, supplemented by pet-licensing fees (raised in 2000 for the first time since 1989) and donations, including pallets full of pet food given by various stores within the county.

# Yolo County Coroner's Office and Morgue

## REASON FOR REVIEW

As part of its mandated annual review of the Sheriff's Department, the Grand Jury inquired into the operations of the Yolo County Coroner's Office and Morgue.

## BACKGROUND

A division of the Yolo County Sheriff's Department, the Coroner's Office investigates sudden, violent, or unusual deaths to determine their cause. The office also is responsible for positively identifying any corpse; generally this is done through fingerprints and dental records.

## FINDINGS

1. The number of homicides, suspicious deaths, and suicides in the county is increasing. The Coroner's case load varies seasonally, but typically ranges from 30–60 cases a month. In 2000, the office investigated 600 deaths.
2. To perform the work, there are three full-time staff members, one part-time staff member, and up to three interns who work two eight-hour days a week. At the time of our review, the office was ready to hire an additional full-time staff person.
3. Deputy coroners investigate the scene of death; serious crimes may take weeks to fully investigate.
4. The average cost to investigate a death in Yolo County is $3,000. To save time as well as money, the office increasingly performs tasks in-house that had previously been contracted out. All personnel are trained in positive fingerprinting, whole body and dental x-rays, some drug testing, and film development.
5. Officers are allowed time off without pay when the stress of a difficult job becomes unmanageable. Low staff turnover is attributable to the interesting nature of the work and the extra training available.
6. The Sheriff is trying to find reliable transportation for deputies who travel to death scenes at night in isolated or unsafe areas.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. We found the staff enthusiastic and dedicated.
2. We support the Sheriff's efforts to secure reliable transportation for his staff. No county employee should be put at greater risk than necessary.

# Appendix

# Responses to the 1999–2000 Grand Jury Report

In accordance with Section 933(c) of the California Penal Code, the governing body of a public agency or its designated administrator must respond to Grand Jury recommendations within 90 days. Elected officials must respond within 60 days. If respondents disagree with Grand Jury recommendations, they must explain why.

The 2000–2001 Grand Jury reviewed the responses to the 1999–2000 report and found most of them adequate. We did request more information from the Winters Police Department and Child Protective Services, and the information those departments provided follows.

The Winters Police Department's response to recommendation 00-07 is that the city hopes to increase the number of sworn personnel by gaining state and federal funding. The city has signed a multi-year contract providing a 10 percent salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2000, and a 7.5 percent salary increase effective July 1, 2001 (00-08).

Child Protective Services expanded its response to recommendations 00-18 and 00-19 by sending the Grand Jury its complete Policy and Procedures Manual.

Below are the recommendations from the 1999–2000 report. Each recommendation, with its reference number in parentheses, is followed by a summary of the official response. The complete report is available at public libraries in Yolo County and on the Grand Jury's web site (http://home8.gotnet.net/ycgj). The complete set of responses is available for public review at the office of the clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

### Davis Police Department

The Davis Police Department should develop a clear-cut mission statement as soon as possible (00-01).

The Davis Police Department's Mission Statement is: "Our mission is to provide a safe and secure environment to everyone in the City of

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Davis. We will maintain order and protect all members of the public, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or gender. We are 'peace officers' and will fulfill our duty to keep the peace. This will be achieved by working in partnership with the community based on mutual respect, understanding and sensitivity."

The Davis City Council should conduct a study of the safety issues related to the new I-80 bicycle undercrossing and determine and meet the law-enforcement needs before a serious accident occurs (00-02).

The Putah Creek bicycle undercrossing is a well-lit, modern facility designed and built to current standards. The undercrossing will incorporate three emergency phone boxes. The construction accommodates vehicular traffic, allowing for periodic police patrol.

The Davis Police Department should provide formal, periodic training to sworn officers on racial tolerance and cultural awareness (00-03).

The Davis Police Department is continuing to expand efforts to improve racial harmony between the community and Davis police employees by:

- working with the University of California at Davis (UCD) and the UCD Police Department to promote safe and neutral exchange of ideas between police employees and students of varied ethnicity;
- scheduling a police manager to attend a "Racial Profiling and Traffic Stops" symposium, who will then conduct department-wide training and implement updated department policies on this topic;
- inviting speakers from prominent organizations that can help us recognize how to be aware of intolerance, hate crimes, and racial or gender bias;
- revising department policies and developing a manual to guide our response to hate crime reporting and investigations;
- circulating a Department of Justice video on Response and Investigation of Hate Crimes to all police officers and investigators, dispatchers, and police service specialists.

The Davis City Council should seriously study issues relating to proper firearms training needs and facilities to make sure that the police force does not fall behind in firearms training and meets or exceeds mandated standards (00-04).

Firearm training is a high priority, and the Davis Police Department has never fallen behind in our firearms training. We have mandated quarterly firearm training and qualifications for all employees using firearms. There have been occasions when employees have missed the quarterly sessions, but they have been ordered to make up the quarterly qualifications.

An employee must shoot two qualifying scores at the same qualifying session before being released back to duty. This mandated standard has been exercised for both officers and managers. When an administrator returned from the firing range without qualifying because of equipment failure, he did not carry a weapon until he successfully qualified.

Range instructors had discontinued training with the standard shotgun carried by officers because of complaints from supervisors about the time on-duty officers were away from work. Shotgun training has now resumed.

The department had to discontinue active use of our firing range on County Road 102 north of the city limits because of residential growth pressures. After considerable research, we have successfully contracted with the Yolo Sportsmen's Club for firing range use. This is an interim solution. The Davis Police Department plans to purchase a state-of-the-art automated indoor firing system that will be located in the rear parking lot of our new building. The system will enhance training in firearms decision-making situations. The cost is estimated to be $70,000.

The Davis City Council should study the practicality and fairness of parking enforcement in private lots, especially shopping plaza lots, and make sure that ordinances are enforceable in a fair and just manner (00-05).

Parking, particularly in shopping plaza lots, has traditionally been difficult to fairly enforce. The University Mall shopping plaza is particularly difficult to enforce because it is not posted for two-hour parking. We recommended to the University Mall property owners that they post the lot as a two-hour lot, but the owners chose not to implement our recommendation and continue using private security to report offending vehicles to the department. This system is flawed and results in citation dismissal when vehicle owners have receipts from Mall businesses.

Yolo County will benefit when the Davis Police Department adopts the new 800 megahertz communication frequency (00-06).

Currently, the majority of law enforcement agencies along the I-80 corridor are using the 800 MHz system. Unfortunately, some jurisdictions in Yolo County (Woodland, Davis, and Winters police departments and the Sheriff Department) are not on the 800 MHz system, and the cost of converting is deterring their switching.

The City is working with a local vendor to build a city 800 MHz system, and cost estimates are pending. The City of Davis has set aside $1.1 million dollars for this project. In the event the implementation cost exceeds this amount, the City is willing to explore reasonable funding alternatives.

## Winters Police Department

The Winters City Council and the city manager's office should study the situation of its police force and find ways to increase the number of sworn officers (00-07).

The City Council should study pay scales and benefits packages for its sworn officers, and pay scales and benefits should be brought up to a level comparable with other law enforcement agencies in Yolo County (00-08).

Yolo County will benefit when the Winters Police Department adopts the new 800 megahertz communication frequency (00-09).

We will be looking into and meeting the Federal Communications Commission mandate.

## Woodland Police Department

To achieve better racial harmony in the community and to deal with race-related matters more effectively, the Woodland Police Department should provide periodic formal training to sworn officers on racial tolerance and cultural awareness (00-10).

The Woodland Police Department does provide an effective training plan which addresses racial tolerance and cultural awareness. Department managers attended the Western Regional Hate Crimes Symposium in 1999. All personnel will attend training sponsored by the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, funded by a grant from the museum. In addition, each new employee undergoes two hours of department training that focuses on the cultural demographics of the community, a tour of various neighborhoods, and meetings with members of the community. We will continue to explore and implement effective training methods to address these issues.

Yolo County will benefit when the Woodland Police Department adopts the new 800 megahertz communication frequency (00-11).

Congress has mandated all government radio operations in the radio bands be narrowbanded by 2005 (for VHF) or 2007 (for UHF). Until recently, only one or two manufacturers were offering 800 MHz trunking systems. Now, more and more vendors are close to producing equip-

ment that operates in a digital/narrowband environment. The Woodland Police Department will work with other members of the Yolo County Communications and Emergency Services Agency to develop a strategy for this potential communications change.

## Yolo County Sheriff's Department

The county administrator's office should conduct a independent study to determine the root cause of higher than normal turnover of sworn officers and, in cooperation with the Sheriff's Department, find ways to remedy the situation (00-12).

The Human Resources Division is working to develop options to retain staff and improve recruitment of new staff. Plans are nearly complete to conduct an employee survey to gather information on the needs of employees. We will also be conducting a total compensation salary survey to benchmark our compensation package with other agencies.

The Sheriff's Department should evaluate the potential of moving sworn officers, including deputies and correctional officers, out of the Monroe Detention Center into the county at large. If correctional officers are asked to take over sworn officers's functions inside the jail, they should receive additional training and benefits, including safety retirement (00-13).

The department was reorganized to free up deputies for field operations, specifically patrol. The correctional staff have been well prepared and received the additional training required to assume some of the duties and responsibilities of the deputies and sergeants. Additional benefits and safety retirement for correctional officers should be addressed during contract negotiations.

## Yolo County Juvenile Hall

In the short term, all monitors should be fixed and on line; all surveillance cameras should be working and focused on relevant areas, with new cameras installed as needed; all locks should work, with minimal downtime; a metal detector should be installed at the main entrance; and the director of the facility should have the authority (up to a predetermined monetary limit) to maintain any security-related items without having to go through normal bureaucratic channels (00-14).

All monitors are fixed and operational; all cameras are working and have been installed, relocated, or adjusted; all locks have been repaired, and a more responsive maintenance company found; a portable (wand) metal detector will be used to scan unknown visitors; and the director has the authority to maintain any equipment identified as an emergency need.

In the intermediate term, pay scales should be investigated and adjusted to more accurately reflect the going rate for comparable positions in neighboring counties; some form of safety retirement should be offered to all probation department employees classified as peace officers; and a more detailed method of prioritizing and tracking repairs should be initiated (00-15).

A salary and benefit survey is being conducted and will address safety retirement; repairs get a quicker response from General Services, and electronics are maintained by a more responsive company.

In the long term, the county should consider replacing the present juvenile hall with a new facility (00-16).

The Board of Supervisors and the county administrator's office are pursuing construction of a new juvenile hall.

## Yolo County Y2K Strategy Plan

The Grand Jury commends all the people who worked on the Y2K strategy, especially the Information Technology Division which provided leadership and direction to all departments (00-17).

The Board of Supervisors accepts the commendations of the 1999-2000 Grand Jury and will forward it to all departments and divisions involved.

## Child Protective Services

The director should verify that there are written protocols and objective assessment instruments in place to guide the placement decisions of caseworkers according to accepted standards (00-18).

The department relies upon the specific statutes governing placement that are contained in California State Department of Social Services Regulations, Best Practices Guidelines issued by the state, and written Relative/Kinship Care Assessment Guidelines. A local policies and procedures manual will be completed by December 30, 2000.

The director should periodically review the written protocols for the department to assure that the department is in compliance with accepted standards (00-19).

The State provides oversight of county Child Welfare Services in the context of federal and state law and state policies and procedures. This oversight is conducted through compliance reviews.

The director should enlist the services of the Human Resources Department and the county administrator's office to develop a comprehensive recruitment and retention plan. This should include a formal employee orientation and training program that will fast track the new staff to be fully functional within 90 days of hire (00-20).

The department will continue to work with the county administrator's office and Human Resources to explore and develop ongoing ways to address recruitment and retention.

The department will continue to utilize the training programs provided through the Northern California Children and Family Services Training Academy under the auspices of the Center for Human Services, University Extension, University of California, Davis. Yolo County would expect Child Welfare staff to be functional in the core competency areas of their program assignment at the end of 12 months.

## Esparto Community Services District

The Esparto Community Services District (ECSD) should institute a formal policy of initial and annual refresher training for its board members on the requirements of the Brown Act (00-21).

The ECSD presently has a policy that strongly encourages training, especially training related to the Brown Act. The Yolo County Counsel's Office has indicated that it will provide the sort of training called for in this recommendation. This board looks forward to that training.

The ECSD should coordinate with the County Counsel, District Attorney, or other local agencies that provide Brown Act training in which ECSD members can participate (00-22).

The County Counsel's office will include the ECSD in a training session devoted entirely to the Brown Act that is open to all special districts in the county.

The District Attorney's office recommends that any actions previously taken by the ECSD board that lacked proper notice or inclusion in the formal agenda be vacated to minimize any potential legal liability. The District Attorney's office would not be the appropriate agency for training as it would be this office's responsibility to prosecute offenders or intervene in the event there were a violation of the Brown Act. In addition, the county

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should provide the ECSD a copy of the Attorney General's pamphlet on the Brown Act.

The ECSD board should take personal responsibility to assure that the public's business is conducted in public as required by the law (00-23).

The board wholeheartedly and enthusiastically acknowledges its responsibility to ensure that the public's business is conducted in public as required by law.

The ECSD should review the findings and recommendations from the 1997–1998 Yolo County Grand Jury and institute that report's recommendations immediately (00-24).

Those recommendations have already been implemented.

The 2000–2001 Grand Jury should continue to monitor the ECSD (00-25).

## Esparto Unified School District

The Esparto Unified School District (EUSD) should institute a formal policy of initial and annual refresher training for its members on the requirements of the Brown Act (00-26).

An in-service program for board members on Brown Act compliance will be conducted by legal counsel with specialized training and experience. Plans for annual in-service programs on Brown Act compliance are currently under consideration.

The EUSD should coordinate with the County Counsel, District Attorney, and other local agencies that provide Brown Act training in which EUSD members can participate (00-27).

The County Counsel's office will include the school district in a training session devoted entirely to the Brown Act that is open to all special districts in the county.

EUSD board members should take personal responsibility to assure that the public's business is conducted in public as required by law (00-28).

The EUSD is in the process of reviewing and updating its bylaws, board policies, and administrative regulations to ensure that the standards followed by the district are current and in compliance with the laws governing school districts.

Board members should evaluate their own commitment of time since absences from the community or board meetings may detract from a member's effectiveness and deprive the community of the full talents and skills of the member (00-29).

The absences referred to in the Grand Jury report occur as a result of a board member's military service obligations. The public policy of both this state and the federal government preclude any criticism or discrimination based upon that service.

## Yolo County Animal Shelter

The shelter should work out an understanding with the UC Davis Department of Animal Science and the College of Veterinary Medicine to create internships with the shelter (00-30).

Although the Yolo County Sheriff's Department supports the use of internship programs in Animal Services, internships for veterinary students require the supporting agency to have a veterinarian on-site while students are present. At present the Yolo County Animal Shelter does not have an on-staff or on-site veterinarian.

Internships for Animal Science students would be more easily attainable with our current programs. Both internship programs will be thoroughly explored by the Sheriff's Department for possible implementation.